

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on June 26, 2017**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 26th, 2017, at the
6 Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President Sterling Burke
7 at 7:00 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Administrator Mekarski/Village
8 Clerk called the roll.
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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Pennington, Thomas, Hudson, and Matz
11 Village President Sterling Burke
12 Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David A. Mekarski
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14 Absent: Trustee Oliver.
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16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
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18 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Hudson to Approve the Minutes of the**
19 **May 30th, 2017, Board Meeting, and the Minutes of the June 12th, 2017, Special Board**
20 **Meeting as presented.**

21 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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23 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**
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25 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to Approve the Payment of Bills**
26 **for June 26th, 2017, in the Total Amount of \$238,316.81.**

27 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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29 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
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31 Village President Burke opened Public Comment at 7:05 P.M.
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33 **Question on Water Charges** - Mrs. Beverly Sokol stated that she resides at 10 Wysteria Drive
34 in Olympia Fields. Mrs. Sokol stated that she wanted to ask the Village President a question
35 because she wasn't clear on the water. You said that the Village pays \$4.00. Village President
36 Burke stated that it is \$4.00 per thousand gallons. Mrs. Sokol stated and we charge residents
37 \$13.00. Village President Burke stated \$13.60. Mrs. Sokol inquired whether or not the Village is
38 responsible for the Lift Stations. Village President Burke stated that the water charges have
39 nothing to do with the Lift Stations. What you are asking about is the cost of the water, and the
40 cost of charging for water. There is a part of the water bill that is just for water. There is a sewer
41 charge that is separate from that. The Lift Stations are included in that.
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43 Mrs. Sokol inquired what about the large water tanks. Village President Burke stated that all of
44 that is built into the overall price of the water bills as a whole. Mrs. Sokol stated that is part of
45 the water bill. Village President Burke stated yes. Mrs. Sokol stated that at first, she thought we
46 are making lots of money. She guesses that we are not really making much money. Village
47 President Burke stated that he doesn't think that we are in the business of making money. We are

1 in the business of passing on the charges and expenses that is associated with the water. The
2 actual cost of the water is as he indicated. The actual amount that we are charging for water is
3 \$13.60 that he indicated.

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5 Mrs. Sokol stated that during the Campaign, we heard over and over again that you were going
6 to reduce our water bill. Village President Burke stated that as he said before, he never said that
7 he was going to reduce the water bill. He stated that what we were paying for water and our
8 water didn't seem right. We are using water to help balance the Budget. And that is true.
9 Through a series of charges within the Village, inner charges, we are taking expenses, for
10 example, Administrator Mekarski's expenses, and some of the other Administrative Expenses,
11 we are folding that into the overall expenses when we go out and charge for the total amount.

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13 Mrs. Sokol inquired so the signs that we saw all over with the water spigot, what did they say?
14 Your signs? Village President Burke stated that was the Campaign. As he indicated before, the
15 Campaign is over. Mrs. Sokol stated that the Campaign is over but it was a very divisive
16 Campaign and that leads her into the next comment that she would like to make. As we move
17 forward, and she has heard many people say that they are trying to bring about unity. She agrees
18 that this Village needs a heavy dose of that because of the divisiveness of the Campaign. Mrs.
19 Sokol stated that her own personal feeling, when we spearhead a Village Event such as the
20 recommended 90th Anniversary, personally she thinks that we have to be very careful about
21 people who do spearhead these things, because some of the people have made very divisive
22 comments. She knows that the Campaign is history. It was very hurtful. Personally, it was very
23 hurtful for her. She had people call her a "Racist." It is very hurtful when one has devoted the
24 legacy part of their life to bringing people together. It is a personal thing with her. She is sure
25 that there are others that might feel the same way. She just hopes that he will take that into
26 consideration as you move forward with any kind of a Village Event. Thank you for your time.
27 Village President Burke thanked Mrs. Sokol.

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29 **Question on the Jewel/Osco Site** – Mr. Pat Collier inquired whether or not there has been any
30 movement on the Jewel/Osco Site that is still sitting there across from Wal-Mart.

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32 Village President Burke stated that he thought he mentioned this before. Village President Burke,
33 along with Administrator Mekarski, and Gladys, went to a Retail Conference in Las Vegas. They
34 had a number of Meetings with Developers and with people who were Brokers. Before they
35 went, he asked Administrator Mekarski to give him a list of all of the potential opportunities that
36 we had. When they sat down with some of those Developers, they told the Village President and
37 Administrator Mekarski that all of those deals at the moment are off the table. They are in the
38 process of trying to find some new opportunities for the Village of Olympia Fields. Right now,
39 there is no Jewel going in there. There is no Lowe's. There are a number of things that you may
40 have heard about in the past. At the moment, none of those things are actually in the hopper at
41 the moment.

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43 Mr. Collier inquired whether or not there is one company that is spearheading this effort that is
44 putting the whole thing together. Administrator Mekarski stated that the property has an option
45 to Joe Salamone. The Broker is Todd Cabanban. It's in partnership with the South Suburban
46 Land Bank. Mr. Collier inquired how long does that option last. Administrator Mekarski stated

1 that it is approximately eight to nine-months right now. They had a year and a half on the initial
2 option.

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4 **Comments on the Christmas Party** - Mrs. Shiree Bush-Giblin stated that she lives at 20730
5 Bristol Lane in Maynegait. She stated that she came here tonight to get the record straight about
6 our Christmas Party that we had last year. She is the Chairman of that Christmas Party. It had
7 been said on this floor that we had people attend that Christmas Party that was not from this
8 Village. There was 150-people from the Village that attended. They had 222-people. There were
9 seven people on her Committee. They did invite their friends and family because it is
10 Christmastime and you want your loved ones around you. That event was never to be a
11 Fundraiser. She has been on the Committee for 11-years starting with Bob Waite at his dining
12 room table. It was only to bring people of the community together to get to know their neighbors.
13 It was never a Fundraiser. Over the years they did make a little money. They gave computers to
14 underprivileged kids that was well-deserving of them. That was a good thing. She is just here
15 tonight to say that she really wants the Christmas Party. A lot more people in this Village would
16 love to see our Christmas Party come back this year. It's not a Fundraiser. It's just to get to know
17 your neighbors. She understands being on the Presidents Homeowners Association Committee,
18 she sat on that Board for three-years because her President, Andrea Townson, allowed her to
19 come in her place. We have 15-Presidents with 15-subdivisions here. She thinks our greatest
20 party was 130-people to attend. She understands why the Presidents gave up that event because it
21 was hard for them to sell tickets. That's okay, because there's a Committee that she hears that
22 can sell tickets to our residents and did. It was very successful. We would like to have it back.

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24 Mrs. Bush-Giblin stated as far as our 90th Celebration, we welcome that. We would love to see it
25 happen if it can happen successfully, or just happen. We would love to see it happen too. There's
26 so many rumors going around about her Committee that invited the whole world into Olympia
27 Fields. If that was the case, which it wasn't, that would be a good thing for them to come in and
28 see our Country Club and to say what a great place we live in and maybe someone can buy some
29 of these foreclosure homes. Mrs. Bush-Giblin stated that she welcomes Village President Burke
30 as her new President. That's all she wanted to say this evening. Village President Burke thanked
31 Mrs. Bush-Giblin.

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33 **Question for Public Works** - Mrs. Marian Black-Ruffin stated that she lives at 3324
34 Cumberland Trail in The Trails. She has a question about prioritization of Public Works Projects.
35 She wanted to know how they are prioritized. She stated that we are seeing some erosion on
36 Cumberland Trail. She stated that Dave Nichols, her next-door neighbor, there was a large hole
37 that has appeared under his driveway. There's one starting next to her mailbox. There is one at
38 her neighbor's house. We walk several times during the week. As they went down the street,
39 they are seeing the same kind of erosion where driveways are sinking and other holes are
40 appearing. She wanted to know what process is used for prioritizing Public Works Projects.

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42 Village President Burke inquired whether or not she is talking about their personal driveways, or
43 the foot of the driveway. Mrs. Black-Ruffin stated that it is at the foot of the driveway. Village
44 President Burke inquired whether or not it is part of the street. Mrs. Black-Ruffin stated that it
45 seems to be. She stated that she is not an Engineer, but it seems to be related to the drain. It looks
46 like water has eroded all the way down on the even number side of the street. Village President
47 Burke inquired of Mrs. Black-Ruffin whether or not she has a Sewer System or a Swale System

1 for water runoff. Mrs. Black-Ruffin stated that in the back of her house there is a hole for water
2 to runoff of their property. And there is the drain that is in the front of their homes right by their
3 driveway.

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5 Mr. Jim Landini, Director of Public Works, stated that he got a call on that exact situation today
6 from Althea Knowles. They checked it out today. They have the City Sewer System in their area.
7 We have to investigate further what that is. It does look like there is a little bit of sinking. They
8 are going to have to camera the sewer and see.

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10 Mr. Landini stated that as far as the priority of Public Works jobs, they start with what is the
11 most dangerous or immediate threat to the people in the Village, be it an unsafe situation or
12 anything like that. That gets top priority, any type of emergency situation. And then from there,
13 non-emergency situations, we just kind of work off of a list as they come in, the oldest first, and
14 then kind of work our way down. He stated that in that situation, it is going to require a little
15 further investigation. Right now, it is not a very hazardous situation, but it is something that if it
16 goes unattended it could get much worse. Tomorrow we will be out investigating and seeing if
17 there is an underlying problem, or if it is natural settlement over time that has caused some
18 erosion the way the water is flowing over the curbs or something like that. They will be checking
19 it out this week. Mrs. Black-Ruffin thanked Mr. Landini. Village President Burke thanked Mr.
20 Landini.

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22 Village President Burke stated that later on you will have an opportunity to hear from other Staff
23 Members. He stated that twice a month there is a Staff Meeting with all of the Department
24 Heads. We discuss issues like this and what we can do about them. He stated that Cindy Saenz is
25 going to give a Report later on about how we are going to go about handling these issues. Village
26 President Burke closed Public Comment at 7:25 P.M.

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28 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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30 **Proposed Ordinance: Ordinance #2017-17 – An Ordinance Amending the Olympia Fields**
31 **Village Code to Require Certain Showings in Order for the Village to Issue Residential**
32 **Occupancy Permits –** Village President Burke stated that next on the Agenda is Administration
33 Reports. The first Report will be from him. Ordinance #2017-17- is an Ordinance Amending the
34 Olympia Fields Village Code to Require Certain Showings in Order for the Village to Issue
35 Residential Occupancy Permits. This came about as a result of one of our Staff Meetings. He
36 received a phone call from several Homeowners Associations, one of which is Shiree Giblin of
37 Maynegaitte. It seems to be an issue that is prevalent across the whole Village where
38 Homeowners Associations have needed some additional assistance to get people who are not
39 paying their Homeowners Dues to step up and pay those dues before they are able to sell their
40 houses. There is an Ordinance today that exists that requires a Home Point of Sale Inspection.
41 That is carried out by John McDonnell and his Inspectors. They go around and make sure that all
42 of the homes that are for sale are up to Code. At the time of that Inspection, what this Ordinance
43 is all about is that we will require a letter from the Homeowners Association to ensure that all
44 fees that are due to that Homeowners Association are paid before that house can sell or get an
45 Occupancy Permit. That’s an attempt to address some of the things that the homeowners have
46 asked us about. He hopes that this is going to be a step in the right direction. We asked the Legal

1 Department to look into that particular Ordinance. We discussed all kinds of ways in which we
2 could address that.

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4 Village President Burke stated that Ordinance #2017-17 is an Ordinance that would require that
5 anyone who is selling a house, at the time of their Home Point of Sale Inspection would have to
6 produce a letter showing that all fees owed to the Homeowners Association have been paid. He
7 has been told that in some cases that could be several thousands of dollars. If you go through the
8 Lien Process, especially if it is a Foreclosure, if the amount of money that is owed does not cover
9 the house per se, then the Lien wouldn't take care of it. This particular Ordinance would make
10 sure that is not going to be an issue. He inquired whether or not he could get a Motion to accept
11 this Ordinance.

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13 Administrator Mekarski stated just a quick point of order. The Ordinance is on the Agenda as a
14 Proposed Ordinance. We would put that on the next Meeting if you have a consensus of the
15 Board to move it forward. A Motion would be in order to ask the Board if this is in order to place
16 it on the next Regular Meeting, which is the first Meeting in July for First and Second Reading.
17 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Matz to Move Ordinance #2017-17 - An**
18 **Ordinance Amending the Olympia Fields Village Code to Require Certain Showings in**
19 **Order for the Village to Issue Residential Occupancy Permits to our First Meeting in July,**
20 **2017.**

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

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23 Trustee Gibson stated don't you think it is very important for us to have a discussion about that
24 before we start moving on an Ordinance like this. We just got this in our Packet on Friday. It's
25 easy to read. She believes that the Board needs to have a discussion.

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27 Village President Burke stated that we can have a discussion right now. What would you like to
28 discuss? Do you think this is a good idea, or do you think it is not a good idea?

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30 Trustee Gibson stated that she thinks that if it works it will be a great idea, particularly for those
31 subdivisions that have documents that say that you must pay this amount of money to take care
32 of your subdivision, or your Homeowners Association. She stated that when people don't pay
33 that, then they are putting the onus on other people that have to do it. She stated that according to
34 law in Illinois, a Homeowners Association Board cannot stop doing work on property where
35 people don't pay bills. It does harm all the other people that live within that. She stated that if
36 this works she thinks it would be wonderful.

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38 Village President Burke stated that a number of Homeowners Associations came forward and
39 asked for something like this. They indicated that they were under duress and weren't able to
40 collect the money. Trustee Gibson stated that is true. Village President Burke stated that he
41 doesn't believe that any of them have backed off of their responsibilities to try to take care of
42 their subdivisions. What this has done, as you have indicated, is put an adverse problem on the
43 rest of the people who have paid. The majority of the people who live in our town are stepping
44 up and doing what they should do to take care of their property and paying their Association
45 Dues. Every subdivision does not have the necessary paperwork. Those that do have a PUD or
46 other documents that require that a fee be paid to their Association, this will help them. At the
47 same time, he thinks it will help those that don't. Maybe take a step to try to put something in

1 place to form a more positive, concrete program in their neighborhood to help take care of the
2 neighborhood. We look at this to help those that have the necessary documents to do this. He
3 stated that those that don't, this is something that they could possibly do that would help them
4 put something like that in place.

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6 Trustee Gibson stated that Village President Burke is right. There are Associations that work on
7 a document. It is a State run document that have people that are behind \$13,000.00, \$14,000.00,
8 \$10,000.00, and then all of a sudden, the house goes in Foreclosure. It would be wonderful for
9 those groups that have had that happen.

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11 Trustee Matz inquired how this affects the Homeowners Associations that do not have an
12 Ordinance saying that you have to pay the Homeowners Association Dues.

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14 Village President Burke stated that if they don't have those kinds of documents, then it wouldn't
15 affect them at all. Those that do have, it would help them tremendously. In the case of
16 Maynegaite, they are one of the ones that came forward and asked for something like this. They
17 have a number of people who are in arrears thousands of dollars. If the house is in Foreclosure,
18 the bank winds up taking the property and the person gets away with it. The new person coming
19 in, before they buy that house, or before they get an Occupancy Permit, they have to pass the
20 Village's muster. We can force the bank to pay those back dues. If you do not have a system in
21 place that would require people to do that, he would encourage those Associations to think about
22 trying to do something like that.

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24 Trustee Matz stated meanwhile, doesn't the President's Golf Outing distribute funds to the
25 Homeowners Associations to relieve some stress.

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27 Village President Burke stated that the Golf Outing has nothing to do with this. Trustee Matz
28 stated that she knows it has nothing to do with that. She was just inquiring; doesn't it give out
29 funds to help? Village President Burke stated that there is no Golf Outing at the moment. There
30 was no Golf Outing planned. There is no Golf Outing scheduled for this year. He stated that
31 people need to understand that there will be no money coming from the Village to assist that. On
32 the other hand, if that is something that people may think that they want to do for next year, he
33 talked to Shiree about this. That's something that we can look at. Right now, that is not on the
34 table. As far as this particular Ordinance is concerned, this is something totally different. This is
35 to protect those individual Homeowners Associations going forward. If the public, and especially
36 the Elected Officials at this table don't think that this is something that we should do, then you
37 will have an opportunity the next time to vote against it. As Administrator Mekarski indicated,
38 you have been given this information. The next Meeting, we will have an opportunity to vote on
39 it. If the public is interested, they should let their Elected Officials know that this is something
40 that you want to do.

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42 Trustee Thomas stated that like Trustee Gibson, she thinks that this is a great thing to do. The
43 Village's overall commitment is to make sure that we maintain a very beautiful, well-manicured
44 community. When she purchased her home, that was one of the things that she was looking for.
45 She was glad that the person that she purchased her home from was current on their
46 Homeowners Association Dues. She thinks overall it would have a positive impact. If, in the
47 future, we would have a Golf Outing, she doesn't know that the money that would be given

1 would in any way put any dent in it. She has heard from residents that there are some
2 homeowners that owe \$13,000.00, \$17,000.00. A Golf Outing would nowhere begin to put a dent
3 in that. What we do as residents that pay, we are glad that the law in Illinois does require the
4 Homeowners Associations to take care of the common areas so that it looks good when we are
5 coming in and out. She thinks it is a great thing. It also says in here, that this would require the
6 Homeowners Associations to come forward in writing and to request that they participate in this
7 program too. It is an Ordinance that would protect the residents. The Board of the Homeowners
8 Associations would also make an effort to come forth. She thinks that it is a good thing. She has
9 said all that she has to say.

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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that as the Village President indicated, this is a very innovative
12 Ordinance. It may be one of the first of its kind in the State. The Ordinance utilizes the powers of
13 the Realtors Association, as well as the title company to enforce Subdivision Covenants and
14 Restrictions. The Homeowners Associations would go through a two-prong test. First, we have
15 to determine that there are legal Covenants and Restrictions filed. Many of our Homeowners
16 Associations have that. 2. They would have to demonstrate that they are utilizing their
17 subdivision fees for maintaining public purpose or public infrastructure. That applies to many.
18 He stated that many are maintaining a Storm Water Management System within their
19 subdivision, the Rural Drainage System, beautifying in the public right-of way or inside the cul-
20 de-sac. That test might be an easy criterion. Through that process we can get the title companies
21 to holdup the closing until those dues are paid. We already have a procedure as you know, where
22 we do Home Point Inspections for a change in occupancy and a change in tenancy. This fits into
23 that process with the Building Commissioner.

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25 Village President Burke stated that we thought that this would be something that the
26 Homeowners Associations would welcome. He stated that as Administrator Mekarski stated, this
27 is a way to contribute to keeping the Village's standards at the highest possible. There are things
28 that Public Works and the Building Department are doing. They work very hard to make sure
29 that Codes are enforced. Sometimes people are not happy with us because we may be a little bit
30 overzealous. It is all for the same good purpose, and that is to protect your home values. At the
31 next Board Meeting, he hopes that we will have an opportunity to vote on it yes or no. He
32 encouraged the public that if this is something that you want, you should send an e-mail to your
33 representatives and let them know that this is something that you want to do.

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35 **Ordinance #2017-18 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, “Licenses, Permits and**
36 **Miscellaneous Regulations,” of the Olympia Fields Village Code by Adding New Article IX,**
37 **“Village of Olympia Fields Minimum Wage and Earned Sick Leave Regulations,” thereto**
38 **and Superseding the Cook County Minimum Wage Ordinance and The Cook County**
39 **Earned Sick Leave Ordinance [First and Second Reading] –** Village President Burke stated
40 that the next item is Ordinance #2017-18. It's an Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, “Licenses,
41 Permits and Miscellaneous Regulations,” of the Village of Olympia Fields Codes. It is an
42 Ordinance to potentially opt-out of the Cook County Minimum Wage. We talked about this in
43 Open Session two-weeks ago at the last Meeting. He is going to open it up for Public Comment
44 to see if there are any other people who might want to speak about this Ordinance before we go
45 forward on it. He stated to give you a quick summary on it, Cook County put an Ordinance in
46 place that will go in affect July 1st, that basically says that the Minimum Wage will go from
47 \$8.25 to \$10.00 the first year. The second year it will go to \$11.00. The third year it will go to

1 \$12.00. The fourth year it caps out at \$13.00. At the last Meeting, we had a number of people
2 who spoke about why they would want to see this happen. He believes that the Village should
3 take a lead. There are pluses and minuses associated with this. If we opt-out and go along with
4 what has been the prevailing wage, some people would argue that would put us in a position to
5 have a better chance of getting more economic development. If we decide to stay with the
6 Ordinance, that would send a message that the Village of Olympia Fields is a very high-class
7 place and expects the people who come to work for us to fall into a category of those that we
8 would like to have come into the Village. There has been a lot of discussion on whether or not it
9 would hurt commerce. The Hospital is spending \$150,000,000.00 to upgrade. He personally
10 believes that this could be a Referendum on whether or not we believe that every citizen can earn
11 a living wage. The way it is setup right now, there could be a possibility that it may not even pass
12 muster in the Courts. If that is the case, it could get thrown out. On the other hand, there is some
13 legal documentation that he just came across before he came into this Meeting. It says, "A Non-
14 Home Rule Municipality only has limited ability to regulate laws." A law like this is something
15 that we cannot regulate because our ability to write laws does not allow us to do a law that would
16 opt-out and supersede what a Home Rule Municipality or a County would do. The County
17 created this. We, as a Non-Home Rule Municipality, under 25,000 we don't have the legal
18 standing to have an Ordinance.

19 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to Suspend our Session here**
20 **and Open it up for Public Comment at 7:35 P.M.**

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

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23 Mrs. Sokol stated that a young woman that she knows has a son who is an educator. He is an
24 Assistant Principal. When he started his career, he started out at \$10.00 an hour. A single, young
25 man living at home and his parents had to subsidize him. He could not make it on \$10.00 an
26 hour. As she indicated to Village President Burke, she is very conflicted about it. She stated that
27 she feels, and obviously she is a minority opinion here, she is sorry that we are not voting to opt-
28 in. She thinks it does elevate us. It shows that we value those people who do work in the Village.
29 It also gives us an edge in that we will attract more employees who are more capable. There are a
30 lot of young people right now who cannot find work and would love to be able to work at \$10.00
31 an hour. She doesn't know if it could be reconsidered. She stated that apparently the Board
32 agreed to opt-in.

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34 Village President Burke stated no, no. This is a two-step process. He stated that we first have to
35 look at whether or not we think voting on this subject to potentially opt-out is something that we
36 want to do. If we opt-out, we have an Ordinance sitting on the side here that will give us
37 supposedly the capability of passing the Ordinance that will say we opt-out and this is what we
38 are going to do. The first thing we will do is have to decide whether or not we want to opt-out or
39 opt-in. Once we do that, if we decide that we want to opt-out, then we have to take a second vote
40 on whether or not the Ordinance that we prepared which gives us the legal grounds to stand on
41 would take place. We have not gotten to the point where we are passing the Ordinance. We are
42 just having a discussion right now on whether or not we want to do nothing. If we do nothing,
43 then we stay in with what the County has written and the minimum wage will go up from there.

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45 Village President Burke stated that what Mrs. Sokol is saying is very important. She sent him an
46 e-mail and he sent her some information on that subject. That's why he opened it up to see what
47 the other comments are.

1 Mrs. Sokol stated that she does feel strongly about it. She stated thank you for considering it. It is
2 difficult times we live in. If a person wants to get married, even going up to \$10.00 it is hard. She
3 thanked Village President Burke for the time. Village President Burke thanked Mrs. Sokol.
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5 Mr. Larry Mullins stated that he resides at 20808 Alexander Street. If we do not increase the
6 minimum wage, what type of employee would you draw to this Village? Everyone wants to earn
7 a decent living wage. If you freeze them, then they have to go outside and find a job. They
8 should be able to stay in this community. They should be able to work here instead of traveling
9 outside of the Village to try to make a living wage. He believes that we should go along with
10 Cook County because it would enhance our community. That's his opinion. Mr. Mullins stated
11 thank you. Village President Burke thanked Mr. Mullins.
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13 Mr. Lee Langon stated that as a Middle-Class, working class community, if this went to a
14 Referendum, it would pass overwhelmingly. We would vote yes. We don't want to opt-out of
15 this. We want to do nothing and go along with the County and increase the wage here, not only
16 in our Village but across the entire County. If there are Court battles, let Cook County fight
17 them. We are all in. We are all for it. That is his comment. He stated thank you. Village President
18 Burke closed Public Comment at 7:45 P.M.
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20 Village President Burke asked for a Motion on whether or not we should stay in or opt-out. He
21 doesn't know if he phrased that properly or not. The first step would be, if we passed that option
22 to stay in, then we don't need to consider the separate Ordinance that you would put in our
23 Books to do that.
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25 Trustee Pennington stated that as a point of order, he believes that it is important that we get
26 input from the Board of Trustees relative to what is being proposed at this time.
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28 Village President Burke stated that he stands corrected. He will open it up. He inquired of
29 Trustee Pennington what he would like to say.
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31 Trustee Pennington stated that he has given this considerable thought. At our June 12th Meeting,
32 he brought up the question how would this impact a Non-Home Rule Municipality. He was given
33 an answer. He believes that in the wake of what we just received this evening from Village
34 President Burke, he believes it is a moot point. Based upon the language in this Opinion from the
35 Law Firm, it states clearly to him that the Village of Olympia Fields has no standing because of
36 the fact that we are only 5,000 in population. We are under 25,000. He stated to that end, we
37 really don't need to, in his view, vote on whether or not we should opt-in or opt-out. We have
38 stated language here that says that we don't have the authority. He would say let's not vote on it.
39 Let's stay in. Let's stay a part of the alleged Ordinance by the County of Cook. He stated to echo
40 Mr. Langon, let Cook County take the brunt of the issue. We have the language here. There is
41 really no need in his opinion to take a vote.
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43 Village President Burke stated that there is a two-step process here, when we get to the second
44 step of looking at the Ordinance if we decide to opt-out. If we opt-in, we could just table it and
45 walk away and it happens automatically. He stated or we could actually vote to say that we are
46 opting in. If we opt-out then we take a second vote to determine whether or not the Ordinance

1 that we prepared is one just in case that is what we want to do. Trustee Pennington stated that he
2 thinks that is fair.

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4 Trustee Matz stated that everybody has a valid point. She understands what Trustee Pennington
5 is saying. She understands what Bev Sokol said. She stated that you have to look at it this way.
6 This should be a statewide Ordinance. It should be statewide, not city, to city, to city. Because
7 what you are doing is, you are pitting cities against each other. So, you will have on one side of
8 the street blight, and on the other side of the street you will have booming businesses because
9 they don't have an Ordinance over there saying that you have to have a \$10.00 minimum wage.
10 When she polled the businesses around here and she asked them how would this affect them, we
11 are looking at Ma and Pa which is what we want to attract. We want to attract small business
12 owners, Ma and Pa businesses. We just don't know what this will do to them. They are saying
13 everybody deserves \$10.00 an hour. Let us have that opportunity to raise it as we have more
14 funds to do so. She stated to put that on them and then by 2020 it has to be \$13.00 an hour, that
15 might put a strain on them, as well as when we look to solicit new businesses to come into our
16 community and we already have an Ordinance of \$10.00, they might say we will go over to
17 Matteson who does not have that. That would be hard for us to get businesses into the
18 community. When we look at this, let's look at the big picture. Not only would people not make
19 \$10.00 an hour, they won't make \$8.25 if we don't have the businesses in the community.

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21 Trustee Thomas stated that as an advocate for diversity and inclusion, she thinks it makes a lot of
22 sense to stay in. She thinks that it also makes sense to let Cook County fight this battle. She
23 stated that when she was in college working her way to this place where she is now, she worked
24 a job where she received a minimum wage. Being a single parent and raising two kids, it would
25 have been nice to have something like this at that time. Trustee Thomas stated to relate to what
26 Mrs. Sokol was saying, she has a daughter who is living with her going to college and working a
27 job in retail and making minimum wage. She has to supplement her income because she is
28 trying. We cannot take this mentality that college is for everyone. In what she does there are
29 thousands of young people graduating from college with Bachelor's Degrees, Master's Degrees,
30 and they cannot get a job. They have to settle for a minimum wage job. And then they have loans
31 to repay. This would only help them. If we think large, we have to believe that this Village is
32 going to grow. We said that we are committed to attracting more residents to move into this
33 Village. We say that we are committed to attracting bigger and different types of businesses that
34 can pay this wage. When you are in business, they are already prepared for that increase. She
35 stated that she would be interested to know if there is a poll, what did those small businesses say.
36 We want big businesses. Who were those businesses in Olympia Fields that said they are not
37 interested in this increase? This is a Cook County Law or Ordinance, or whatever they are trying
38 to pass here. She is speaking from her heart. She thinks that it makes sense. Everybody is not
39 going to be fortunate enough to work a six-figure job.

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41 Trustee Thomas stated that if she goes into McDonald's she wants good service. When she goes
42 into a restaurant, she wants the bathrooms to be clean. We shouldn't have this mentality of
43 looking down on someone. We want good service. When she goes in the local health food store,
44 or Walgreens, she wants good service. She wants the store to be clean. What is wrong with
45 providing people, whether they are young, or middle-age an opportunity to earn at least a decent
46 wage so they begin to enjoy some of the little things that we take for granted? She stated that we
47 don't have to do anything at this point. We can just let this go and we are automatically in. She is

1 looking at this list here. She doesn't see that it is full of local towns that have made a decision to
2 opt-out anyway. That is her opinion.
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4 Trustee Gibson stated that she agrees with most of the things she has heard. Her only concern is
5 that we should be careful about the businesses that we have here, or maybe we won't have them
6 if they can't afford this. Then we will be causing people to have to close their doors. We want
7 big-box places. Village President Burke inquired we do. Trustee Gibson stated that we really
8 want that. Whether we are going to get it or not is a different story.
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10 Village President Burke stated that he is going to respectfully disagree. He is not interested in
11 any big-boxes. He is interested in high tech jobs. He hopes the Hospital will create those kinds of
12 jobs that are going to be paying greater than \$15.00 an hour. Trustee Gibson stated of course.
13 Village President Burke stated that McDonald's, Randy Conn is a great guy and everything. He
14 spoke to him. He has no problem with the minimum wage we are talking about. Village
15 President Burke knows several people personally who own Culvers and McDonald's. They are
16 of the belief that having the minimum wage rise is okay with them because those are some of the
17 people that buy their food. The more money they make the more they can buy. His vision for the
18 Village is for Olympia Fields to attract those kinds of businesses that pay greater than minimum
19 wage. There will be some people in our town and businesses that are paying at the minimum
20 wage existing today. He hopes in the future that we attract those businesses that will be higher
21 than just the minimum wage. He thinks that we are on the same page. If we are thinking about
22 more big-boxes, that's not something that we are going to be pursuing.
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24 Trustee Gibson stated if you are paying someone \$8.00 an hour or \$8.50 an hour, that's all the
25 work they are going to do is \$8.50. If you pay them more, they are going to step up and do more.
26 It's a catch 22. Are you running businesses out? Are you making it possible for those people who
27 do work, and they know they are getting a decent salary doing the job?
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29 Village President Burke stated that he agrees. He believes that people who are running a
30 business, if left alone, quality businesses will hire quality people. The way to hire quality people
31 is to pay them appropriately. The best thing that you can do is to get a high-quality person
32 working in your place of business. The only way you can do that is attract them with money.
33 Hopefully, that will work. On the other hand, as someone mentioned the other day, if you hire a
34 \$2.00 an hour person you are going to get \$2.00 worth of work. He doesn't think that a \$2.00
35 worker is commiserate with the Village of Olympia Fields.
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37 Trustee Hudson stated that she made her comments at the last Meeting. Trustee Hudson stated
38 that they keep saying, "Olympia Fields." She thinks it is the merchants that we need to be
39 concerned about. The merchants are the ones that will be raising it. The Village itself is not in
40 this battle. It's the merchants that would be affected by what we do. She wanted to make sure
41 that your conversation was to the merchants and not to the Village of Olympia Fields as a whole.
42 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to Suspend the Rules at 7:57**
43 **P.M.**
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45 Mrs. Margaret Wilson inquired if you pass this Ordinance and you have a certain \$10.00, how
46 would this affect the businesses that we have here already. Would they have to meet this
47 standard? If so, how would that work?

1 Village President Burke stated that this is a County Ordinance. The County is the one that is
2 responsible for managing it not the Village of Olympia Fields. He stated how the County is
3 going to do that, our hands are off of it. If we don't do anything, it comes into play. If we decide
4 we want to opt-out, then we have to put an Ordinance in place to say that we are opting out. He
5 passed out an Opinion from a Law Firm. The Opinion from the Law Firm stated that a Non-
6 Home Rule Municipality such as Olympia Fields, does not have the power to put an Ordinance
7 in place that would deal with that kind of activity. We would potentially be in violation if we
8 tried to do it because of our Non-Home Rule status. The absolute worst thing and best thing that
9 we can do, is don't do anything and opt-out, and let Cook County be the one that has to deal with
10 this. Those other towns that have decided to opt-out, they are all competing to get those kinds of
11 businesses that may not be the kind of businesses that we are interested in. From his perspective,
12 if some of those businesses who are here want to continue to operate in the Village of Olympia
13 Fields, they decide they may want to leave, we can't stop them from doing that. That is
14 something else. They have to manage their own businesses. We are not the police of how much
15 you pay people. That is not going to be our role. We can't do that. That's what this Opinion by
16 this Law Firm was, that we don't have the ability to regulate that kind of activity. The County
17 does, but we don't.

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19 Trustee Gibson stated so what you are saying is that if we opt-out as was stated two-weeks ago,
20 we couldn't just then make our own minimum wages here.

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22 Village President Burke stated that is correct. We cannot regulate that. We cannot supersede
23 whatever the County Law is either. We can't do that. He is suggesting that the best thing that we
24 can do is to just leave it alone.

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26 Trustee Gibson inquired of Village President Burke what he thinks is going to happen to the 70
27 Municipalities on the list that have opted out. Village President Burke stated that just because
28 they have done it doesn't necessarily mean that we have to. Trustee Gibson stated that she is not
29 saying that we are supposed to do like them. Village President Burke stated that what he thinks is
30 going to happen with them is that it is going to go to Court. When it goes to Court somebody is
31 going to rule on it. If they rule that the County is correct, then the County will supersede them in
32 some cases. It depends how much money you want to spend to fight it. He doesn't think that we
33 have the money or the time to go and fight anybody one way or the other. Trustee Gibson stated
34 that she agrees with him.

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36 Village President Burke stated doing absolutely nothing, then it becomes someone else's fight to
37 go do it, not ours. If we opt-out, according to what is in the document that he sent out, somebody
38 can come back and sue the Village of Olympia Fields for trying to enact a law or an Ordinance
39 that is beyond the scope of our capability according to the Illinois Constitution.

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41 Trustee Pennington stated that we cannot develop a conflict because of the fact that we are a
42 Non-Home Rule Municipality. Trustee Gibson stated that a lot of these groups here, a lot of them
43 aren't Home Rule. We have a lot of neighbors right here on this list. Trustee Pennington stated
44 that is their issue. That's their problem. He stated based on stated law, a Non-Home Rule
45 Municipality cannot create a conflict with a Home Rule Municipality. We, in effect, would be
46 creating a conflict between ourselves and Cook County if we opt-out. That's the issue that we

1 have to face. He stated but not opting out, and because we are a Non-Home Rule Municipality
2 we don't have the authority to do that.

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4 Trustee Gibson stated that in looking at this, only six-towns have not opted out, out of all of
5 Cook County. There are five that are pending, which Olympia Fields is a part of that group. She
6 understands that we don't want to get into a Court battle with anybody or with Cook County to
7 do it. It is a catch 22. You think about the people who are in business here whether they are
8 going to be successful. We keep saying that we need more economic development. They may be
9 small, but that is some economic development.

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11 Trustee Matz stated that this is not an updated list. We don't have Richton Park. We don't have
12 Matteson. They are all voting tonight. Trustee Pennington stated two-thirds of the South
13 Suburban Cook County Municipalities have opted out of this. Wilmette and Kenilworth will vote
14 on this very same Ordinance tomorrow evening at their Board Meeting. It's going to be
15 interesting to see what they do. He would venture a guess that they will opt-out. As far as he is
16 concerned, it doesn't matter whether or not you are Home Rule or Non-Home Rule. If one
17 decides to do this, then they of course run the risk of getting named as a Defendant in a lawsuit
18 should it go to the Courts. In all probability, it will be tried by the Retailers Association. They
19 are going to name everyone as a Defendant.

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21 Trustee Gibson stated that she agrees that we ought to do nothing. Mrs. Bush-Giblin inquired
22 doing nothing, will we get penalized. Village President Burke stated that if we do nothing the
23 County Law prevails, and we have not perjured ourselves in anyway. We haven't done anything
24 that would cause anybody to come after us.

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26 Trustee Pennington stated that we still have not suspended the Meeting.

27 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to Suspend the Rules at 8:05**
28 **P.M.**

29 **Voice Vote:**

All Ayes

Motion Carried.

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31 Mr. Johnny Morris stated that he was listening to the dialog. He has taken some of the thoughts
32 in. He just had a couple comments that he wanted to make. He heard some dialog about the
33 business impact, and folks going out polling some of the small businesses. In his mind, a small
34 business that wants to participate in this it is almost a no brainer for them. They are going to pass
35 on that increase to the consumers. They are not going to feel that. He stated from a Village
36 perspective, our Cook County Taxes are pretty high. We ought to be able to use this as a way to
37 attract other businesses. In terms of the quality of the employees, that should be incentive-based.
38 As a business person, he is going to provide incentives to his employees based on their
39 performance. He thinks that we may want to take a look at this and say, "Hey, let's look at the
40 strategy piece of it. Perhaps we can use this to grow our businesses." If he is soliciting a
41 community, and he is coming in and he talks about we are not participating in this fixed
42 minimum wage, they may want to talk to me a little bit more about that. That might be a
43 competitive advantage. That is what he would offer you guys to take a look at using it as a
44 strategy more so than how that would benefit us. Those are his comments. He stated thank you.

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46 Mrs. Ethel Collier stated that she resides at 2870 Chariot Lane. She wants to make sure that she
47 understands. If we do nothing, that is the same as remaining in. Village President Burke stated

1 correct. Mrs. Collier stated if we opt-out, and this becomes law through the Courts and the
2 County is successful, then even though we have opted out, we still have to honor whatever the
3 Courts finally say is the minimum wage. Is that correct?

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5 Village President Burke stated if we opt-out, then there has to be a corresponding Ordinance that
6 says that. And what we are basically telling people if it was legal, that it is okay to only pay
7 people \$8.25. If we opt-in, do nothing, then the minimum wage will float based on what Cook
8 County's Regulations are if it is successful.

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10 Mrs. Collier stated that she understands that portion. What she thinks is not clear, she doesn't
11 know if it is not clear to someone else, if we opt-out, and she is not advocating that at all, and it
12 becomes the law of the land, the County version, we still have to honor it. Is that correct?

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14 Village President Burke stated that he doesn't believe so. He stated that Wynette is a Lawyer.

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16 Mrs. Wynette Head stated that she is here as a resident because her Liability Insurance Policy
17 will not cover her if she is giving legal advice and she is not hired as your Attorney. She is
18 speaking as citizen Wynette who happens to know a little bit about the law. Mrs. Head stated that
19 she resides at 20004 Eros Drive. She stated to answer your question, if we say that we opt-out,
20 and the County's Proposed Ordinance is not struck down because there are certainly going to be
21 challenges, we are saying that we are going to stick with the statewide law that says we are going
22 to pay our residents \$8.25. We are saying that we are going to do what the State of Illinois has
23 told us to do, and that is to pay our residents the minimum wage of \$8.25 an hour.

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25 Village President Burke stated let's be clear, if we opt-out, what she just said is that whatever the
26 State says because they are going to supersede the County, that will be our minimum wage in the
27 Village of Olympia Fields.

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29 Mrs. Head stated that if we decide to opt-out, and she is very careful about the opinions that she
30 expresses because of her role, there will likely be some movement on the State and Federal level
31 with regard to increasing the minimum wage as well. We don't know when that is going to come
32 down. That is going to happen. There is going to be an increase. She stated that with that, we
33 don't have a choice. We would have to follow it. She is a little annoyed because this Ordinance
34 has been swirling around for many, many months yet we are just hearing about it. That is
35 bothersome to her because we have not had the opportunity for the spirited and the robust
36 conversation that comes out of ultimately voting on this type of Ordinance. That is a little
37 bothersome to her that at the Eleventh Hour we have to make this decision. Every opinion that
38 each of you has expressed about this Ordinance is valid. This is a tough call. On the one hand,
39 we want to see our neighbors do well. We want to see our neighbors succeed. On the other hand,
40 as a business owner, we have to understand that there are challenges that come with having to
41 abide by a Statute that increases our costs that we ultimately will have to pass on to the
42 community. There is no wrong answer here. Everybody's opinion with regard to this Ordinance
43 ought to be respected. Let's not consider what everybody else is doing. What is best for Olympia
44 Fields at the end of the day? We have to deal with our own conscious about what's best for the
45 people here.

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1 Mrs. Sandra Finley stated that she lives in Wysteria. She appreciates the opportunity for the
2 community conversation on this topic. She believes that when we talk to our leaders about what
3 it is that we would like them to do in our name, it is important that they not only hear the words
4 of “opportunity” and “profit,” and concerns about expense, but that they understand our values.
5 If we don’t talk about what we want to do, then how we do it might get lost when we don’t pay
6 attention to what is based on our values. The business case of profit has done some terrible things
7 to people over these years. It’s not that people are against profit. We are against how the profit is
8 made if it is made on the backs of poverty. She thinks that what we heard here this evening is a
9 comment from the community on its values, and then we rely on our Board to tell us how we get
10 there, navigate towards the outcome of our values. The idea that our businesses are one thing,
11 and we are the other thing is kind of counterintuitive to her. She thinks that we are all the same
12 thing. As we heard Mr. Morris state earlier, businesses when they have expenses we pay to help
13 them with that and they raise their expenses for one of two reasons: Either to increase profit or to
14 cover expenses. One of the two. That is the cycle of what it takes in order to enjoy the businesses
15 in our community. She wants to speak for investment of asset of talent. When we have a Village
16 or a place where people are underpaid for what it is we ask them to do, then they have to leave
17 us. They just have to leave us to go someplace for other opportunities. We have young people
18 who we are investing in their educations right now, taking classes at Prairie State or at other
19 institutions. What’s awful is if they can’t come home and work and live. That means we have to
20 work and build other people’s economies because we have not stepped up to what it is that we
21 are maximally able to do. Mrs. Finley thanked the Board for the opportunity to have this level of
22 conversation here. As a community, we have given you our best directive on what we would like
23 to see as an outcome. We trust you to navigate us safely there. Village President Burke thanked
24 Mrs. Finley.

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26 Mr. Earl Bell stated that he resides at 741 Brookwood. He stated that when he goes to carry out
27 places, when he goes to fast-food places, he knows one girl that was working and she burned her
28 arm in the kitchen. Since she had no sick leave they put her out on the cash register. She was
29 working the cash register with one arm. We know better than this. Five days of paid sick leave
30 how do they make it? They come to work sick. Those of us that go out to eat all the time, namely
31 him, we don’t know what is going on in the kitchen. We take a big leap of faith to go in there.
32 We are not talking about a huge raise here. For goodness sakes, Olympia Fields should stand for
33 the workers and for the sick leave. He has been here 20-years. All of the friends that he has in
34 this town, none of us made it without working hard. He wants to encourage those people because
35 they have a tough time. He doesn’t know how they are going to make it on \$10.00. His father
36 worked 80 to 100-men all the time. He was a man that would loan money to men that owed him
37 money. He would give checks to the wives if the guy would allow it. He did everything that he
38 could to support the families of the people that worked for him. His reputation was so high, that
39 whenever he got a new job, men would quit jobs to work for him. That’s because he treated
40 everybody like a human being and would respect, and cared about their families. He didn’t just
41 think about who was working, but about the whole family. He believes that is what we want to
42 stand for. When you look at the Villages that are supporting this, it’s Oak Park and Evanston.
43 There is a diversity in rich and poor communities on both sides of the equation. A lot of big
44 supporters are coming from some of the biggest communities and the smallest. On the south side,
45 it looks right now that it is about even between the communities that are opting in and opting out.
46 He worked minimum wage as a part of his own work. The evidence of 25-years of studying this
47 shows that it does not destroy jobs. It does not affect profits in a significant way. When you get

1 to the big people, don't the big-boxes make their money on the backs of underpaid people? He
2 stated of course they do. Do you really think that you are going to affect their bottom line one
3 iota with whether we do this or don't do this? Mr. Bell stated that he says that we stand like a
4 community and be proud of it, and stand right beside Oak Park and Evanston and say, "We
5 support it." (There was a round of applause).

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7 Mr. Collier stated that he wanted to say to President Burke and the Board Members he is fairly
8 satisfied at the way you guys are doing things. He has been here over 20-years. Never has he
9 seen or heard of a discussion with homeowners about what was going on in the community.
10 Usually, we get the word after it has been decided. This Meeting here tonight, orderly. People
11 have had a chance to say what they feel. He thinks that this is a great stride for what this Village
12 can be. He commended President Burke and the Board for doing it this way and allowing the
13 homeowners to have some input, and making us aware of what some of the decisions are that
14 you guys have to deal with. You are elected representatives. All of us can't sit there. This allows
15 us to kind of tell you what we would expect you, as an elected representative, to do. He
16 commended President Burke and the Board for running a Meeting like this. (There was a round
17 of applause).

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19 Village President Burke stated that we have to reconvene into Regular Session. (At 8:20 P.M. the
20 Board reconvened into Regular Session). Village President Burke stated that we have two
21 Options here. We can table it, or we can take a vote to opt-in.

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23 Administrator Mekarski stated that you have three Options. Someone can call up the Ordinance
24 to opt-out. If it gets the majority vote it fails. You could do that too. Let it be called up and let it
25 fail, or call for a Motion to do nothing, or opt-in, and/or the last Option would be to get a
26 consensus. You don't have to table it. You can just get a consensus of the Board to move forward
27 to the next item on the Agenda. He stated by July 1st it becomes law in the County.

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29 Village President Burke stated that he would call for a Motion to do nothing. Trustee Pennington
30 stated call for a consensus. Village President Burke stated call for a consensus on doing nothing.
31 Trustee Pennington stated all in favor of that. Village President Burke stated all in favor of doing
32 nothing. Do we do a roll call on this?

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34 Trustee Thomas inquired if we call for a consensus to do nothing, this does not come up later
35 where we have to discuss this again. We are done with it. Administrator Mekarski stated yes,
36 because it has to be done before July 1st. A consensus wouldn't be a roll call. If you don't have a
37 consensus, then somebody should make a Motion to call for a vote. A consensus is normally a
38 unanimous consideration. If it doesn't look like that is the case, then take one of the other
39 Options.

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41 Village President Burke stated we can take a roll call. Right? Administrator Mekarski stated that
42 you can. Village President Burke asked Administrator Mekarski to do a roll call to do nothing.
43 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village President is calling for a Motion to do nothing
44 regarding the Cook County Minimum Wage Ordinance.

45 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to do Nothing Regarding the**
46 **Cook County Minimum Wage Ordinance.**

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1 Administrator Mekarski asked for a Roll Call Vote. Trustee Matz voted No. Trustee Hudson
2 abstained. Trustee Thomas voted Yes. Trustee Gibson voted No. Trustee Pennington stated that
3 he is confused. The Motion on the floor was to consent. Trustee Pennington voted Yes. Trustee
4 Thomas stated that she is also confused. The question was asked to consent. She is confused
5 using the word “consent.” Village President Burke stated that he thinks that we moved past that.
6 Administrator Mekarski stated that we moved past consent. Village President Burke stated that it
7 is not a consent. We are taking a vote to do nothing. We had a first and a second to do nothing.
8 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have two No’s. We have two Yes’s. We have one who
9 abstained. Trustee Pennington stated that the abstention goes to the Yes vote. Administrator
10 Mekarski stated that is three to two.

11 **Roll Call: (Ayes-3) (Trustee Hudson abstained) (No-2) Motion Carried.**

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13 Village President Burke stated that he votes to do nothing. Administrator Mekarski stated that it
14 is four to two. The President can register a vote under two scenarios. 1. If there is a tie of the
15 Board of six. If there is three and three the President can break a tie and he can vote. The second
16 scenario allowed by State Law is that if there is less than six Trustees sitting at the table, which
17 in today’s case there is, so there is five Trustees, and three Trustees essentially give an
18 Affirmative Vote, then ultimately the President can render a vote. What we have here is the
19 abstention was counted with the Affirmative as Parliamentary Procedures require. We had three,
20 Yes’s, and two No’s. That is three Yes’s to do nothing and two No’s. The President expressed
21 his vote and voted yes. So, the vote is four to two. The Motion Carries and we do nothing.

22 **Final Vote: Roll Call: (Ayes-4) (No-2) Motion Carried.**

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24 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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26 **Ordinance #2017-19 – An Ordinance Amending Section 22-91(26) of The Olympia Fields**
27 **Zoning Ordinance and Amending the Olympia Fields Zoning Ordinance by Adding New**
28 **Division 9, “Wireless Telecommunication Facilities” thereto [First Reading] – Administrator**
29 Administrator Mekarski stated that we are very pleased to provide you with Ordinance #2017-19. It is an
30 Ordinance Amending Section 22-91(26) of The Olympia Fields Zoning Ordinance and
31 Amending the Olympia Fields Zoning Ordinance by Adding New Division 9, “Wireless
32 Telecommunication Facilities” thereto. This is being considered by the Board for First Reading.
33 If it is approved in First Reading this evening, it will go on the Agenda for July 11th on Second
34 Reading and Adoption. He stated that tonight and on July 11th Amendments can be received on
35 the floor from the Board.

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37 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is a very comprehensive Ordinance. It took over a year in
38 the making with our Legal Advisor, our Planning Staff, and our Administrative Team. It’s a
39 comprehensive framework for siting future Wireless Telecommunication Facilities. It is 30-
40 pages long. There are five distinct goals. All of these goals our residents have communicated in
41 very controversial Telecommunication Applications that we had in the past with our prior
42 Ordinance. Those goals are: “To Protect Residential areas and land uses from potential adverse
43 impact of wireless communications facilities...” 2. “To minimize the total number of towers and
44 antennas within the Village necessary to provide adequate personal wireless service
45 Provisions ...” 3. “To minimize the potential adverse effects associated with the construction of
46 wireless telecommunication facilities ...” 4. “To avoid potential damage to property caused by
47 wireless telecommunication facilities by insuring that such structures are soundly and carefully

1 designed, constructed, and modified ...” 5. “To enhance the ability of the providers of wireless
2 telecommunication services to deliver such services to the community effectively and
3 efficiently.”
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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that these new Regulations provide substantial submission criteria
6 that was absent from our previous Ordinance. Many of the changes in the Ordinance came from
7 comments that the citizens made in our Public Hearings on the most recent Application on
8 Western Avenue at the Cathedral of Joy Church. It now requires that the Applicant has the
9 burden of proof to demonstrate and evaluate the availability of suitable existing towers, other
10 structures, or alternative technologies, and allows the Village to demand that they analyze those
11 facilities, not only within our jurisdiction, but a mile and a half outside of our jurisdiction. That is
12 something that our current President had indicated in the Western Avenue Public Hearings.
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14 Administrator Mekarski stated that the documentation also requires that existing wireless
15 telecommunication facilities be looked at for collocation. All applications have to either be
16 camouflaged, monopole, stealth, shrouded, collocated, or alternative mounting structures to
17 protect the Village from aesthetic impacts. The Regulations allow for the inspection,
18 maintenance of the facilities, and the abandonment of unused or unmaintained facilities. We
19 backed up those requirements by a 150% Irrevocable Letter of Credit to ensure that those
20 facilities are taken down.
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22 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Ordinance met unanimous approval after a Public
23 Hearing at the Planning and Zoning Commission. It is recommended to this Board of Trustees
24 for adoption. Trustee Pennington, our Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission was at the
25 Meeting. He is sure that he has some comments relative to this Ordinance.
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27 Trustee Pennington stated that this is by far the most comprehensive Ordinance relative to cell
28 phone towers that this Village has ever had. We should have anticipated something like this
29 occurring in 2009 when we had our first Ordinance written. We did not see the proliferation of
30 cell phone towers being presented throughout the area. This is a very comprehensive, very
31 engaging, very protective Ordinance. One of the things that we will have to do at our next review
32 of this Ordinance will be to take on the same type of purview with regard to small cell nodes.
33 Although, they are not as obtrusive as a cell phone tower, we need to address that as well. This
34 particular Ordinance is one that the Planning Commission believed in, fought for, and moreover
35 we took and we heard the comments from the residents of this Village in respect to the formation
36 of this Ordinance. Trustee Pennington stated that he is in favor of it. He believes that it protects
37 the Village in its entirety. He would ask that we move onto the Motion itself.

38 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to Approve in First Reading**
39 **Ordinance #2017-19 - An Ordinance Amending Section 22-91(26) of The Olympia Fields**
40 **Zoning Ordinance and Amending the Olympia Fields Zoning Ordinance by Adding New**
41 **Division 9, “Wireless Telecommunication Facilities” thereto.**
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43 Trustee Pennington stated that on Page 9, Section 22-465 – “Wireless Master Plan Required.”
44 Midway through that paragraph you will see the words “within one and one-half.” There is the
45 number “12 miles.” That is a typo. That should be corrected to “one and one-half miles.” That is
46 the only recommendation that he would make with respect to edits with regard to this Ordinance.
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1 Trustee Hudson inquired since we have these options in Section 22-467 why didn't we include
2 the small cell nodes on that, instead of having to come back again and discuss this situation
3 again.
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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that there are all kinds of parameters that we have to think about
6 in regulating small cells. The small cells that they typically have right now are a radius of 1,000
7 feet. They are proliferating and putting up poles sometimes in the public right-of-way in the
8 middle of Residential areas. There are Regulations that you have to think about on private
9 property, and Regulations on public right-of-way. We have been working on a Model Licensing
10 Agreement to regulate cell towers on the public right-of-way. We have to do a little more work
11 to make sure that we anticipate the demands that are going to be happening on private property.
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13 Trustee Hudson stated that she didn't realize that they would want to do that on private property.
14 Village President Burke stated that the new technology is going to go to 5G. He stated that 5G
15 you can put up on any electrical wire and you don't need to have a pole at all. The technology is
16 constantly changing. As it changes, our Ordinance may become obsolete which they always tend
17 to do. Once you go to 5G the signal travels right down the electrical wire. Every home here has
18 either AT&T or Comcast. Most people, once they walk into their homes, they don't use the cell
19 phone towers anyway. This is a step in the right direction. The way that industry is going, we
20 will probably have to update it anyway.

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

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23 Administrator Mekarski stated that it will be scheduled on July 11th for Second Reading and
24 Adoption.
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26 **Department Head Reports:**
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28 Village President Burke stated that as he mentioned before, we have a Staff Meeting every other
29 week. Village President Burke and Administrator Mekarski meet with all of the Department
30 Heads. We look at everything that is going on in the Village that we are aware of. We are going
31 to share with you some of the things that we have come up with. Some of these things are going
32 to become things that you will see in the future. We just want to share that with the public.
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34 **Cindy Saenz, Director of Finance and Administration** – Mrs. Saenz stated that out of our
35 Staff Meetings, one of the things that we discuss are ways to make ourselves more accessible and
36 available to our residents. There are two internal changes that Administration will be making in
37 the next couple of weeks that she wanted to share with everyone here.
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39 **Extended Hours at Village Hall** – Mrs. Saenz stated that we will now have extended hours at
40 Village Hall. Currently, Village Hall is open until 4 o'clock. Our window closes at 3 o'clock. We
41 will be extending our hours and Village Hall will be open every day until 5 o'clock. The window
42 will remain open until 5 o'clock. This will give the residents an opportunity to interact with us.
43 Although the window was closed, we do help residents that come to the window. She stated that
44 with the sign on the door it deters a lot of people. We will have the signage changed. The
45 window will remain open and we will have Staff here that will be able to assist. That change will
46 be implemented affective July 10th. The week after the holiday you will notice the changes on the
47 door and we will have the Website changed, and all of our communications will be changed.

1 **Citizen Concern Form and Process** – Mrs. Saenz stated that the other item that she is in the
2 process of implementing is a Citizen Concern Form and Process. Currently, on the Website, we
3 have a section for the Code Enforcement Officer where the residents can log-on and you can file
4 a Complaint. It goes through an internal process. It is electronic. She stated that the Village
5 President was wondering when we receive calls, or someone comes to the window, what happens
6 with those concerns. Mrs. Saenz is working with the Website Designer. She stated that when you
7 log onto the Website you will have the option of either filing a Complaint with the Code
8 Enforcement Officer in the normal sense, or you can file a Citizen Concern Form. You can
9 communicate with us on any item in the Village. For instance, if there is a loose dog, if there are
10 trees down, if you see somebody dropping garbage, or there is garbage on the street. It will
11 encompass a lot of different areas. The best thing about it is that you can file a concern online.
12 You also can call in. If you get one of our Clerks, or anyone in the Village, or if you come to the
13 window and voice a concern, all of these concerns will be filed electronically. Every computer in
14 the Village will have access to this program for this file. Then this file gets routed through an
15 electronic process. She stated that within 24-hours we will make contact with whomever has
16 filed a concern. We are working towards a resolution within 72-hours.

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18 Mrs. Saenz stated that the other part that excites the Village President is that through this
19 electronic process there is a Report Writer. When we have our Bi-Weekly Staff Meetings, one of
20 the things that we will be doing is bringing this Report into our Meetings. We will be going
21 through this Report with the Village President. He will see every concern that comes in, and who
22 it was assigned to, and what the resolution was, and how long it took to resolve the issue. We are
23 excited about the changes. She thinks that it is the evolvement that President Burke brought with
24 him as a vision to ensuring that we are reaching out to the residents, and that the residents know
25 that we are here to handle any issues that you bring to our attention, and that we are working
26 towards resolving those issues, and that they will not fall between the cracks. (There was a round
27 of applause). Mrs. Saenz stated that the Citizen Concern Form should be up and running by July
28 10th as well.

29
30 **Jim Landini, Director of Public Works – Consumer Confidence Report** - Mr. Landini stated
31 that he does not have a Formal Report today. It is just a heads up to all of the residents. He stated
32 that by the end of this week, or Monday at the latest, you should be receiving your Consumer
33 Confidence Report in the mail. That is the full Report on the water quality in the Village. It is a
34 culmination of our bi-weekly testing for the entire year. It will give a breakdown of the water
35 quality, the safety of the water, and an explanation of where we get our water, and the process of
36 how it gets delivered to your home. It can be confusing when you look at the charts that are in
37 that Report. There is no other way to put them in. We have to follow the standard EPA Form. If
38 you have any questions, or if you want an explanation of anything, please call Public Works and
39 we will be happy to provide a simple layman’s term explanation of what you find in that Report.

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41 Mrs. Finley inquired of Mr. Landini what is the water quality. Mr. Landini stated excellent. He
42 stated that the one column that you will see in the Report says, “Violations.” As long as that
43 says, “No,” we are in good standing.

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45 Mrs. Shirley Johnson inquired of Mr. Landini why our water is so hard. It is the hardest water to
46 be Chicago water. If she has any appliance person come over they tell her that she must not have
47 Chicago water.

1 Trustee Pennington stated point of order, Mr. President. We need to take another suspension in
2 order to answer questions.

3 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to Suspend the Rules and Open**
4 **the Meeting for Public Comment at 8:44 P.M.**

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

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7 Mrs. Johnson stated that she has so much of the mineral deposits in the toilet and around every
8 appliance. She cannot believe we have Chicago water. She has to scrub, and scrub, to get those
9 white-water mineral deposits off. Are they sure we have good water here?

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11 Mr. Landini stated that he can assure her that we have very clean, healthy water. Mrs. Johnson
12 stated that any time she has a repair person they say, "You cannot possibly have Chicago water."
13 Mr. Landini stated that it definitely is not as hard a water as well water. There are many other
14 factors, home by home basis, based on the plumbing inside your home, and the types of pipes in
15 your home, and how it is getting to the faucet. As far as the water quality here, we do have
16 excellent water. It is definitely Chicago water. Mrs. Johnson inquired of Mr. Landini whether or
17 not they test for hardness of the minerals that is in there. Mr. Landini stated that they test for all
18 contaminants that are adverse to your health. Mrs. Johnson stated that she doesn't want any
19 arsenic in our water. They say that there is a quantity of arsenic in there. Mr. Landini stated yes,
20 it is impossible to remove all arsenic. As long as it is well under the contamination level it is
21 completely safe. When you get your Report, if you want you can come in and we can go through
22 it line by line if you would like. Mrs. Johnson stated that she will bring in a sample of the water
23 hardness she has.

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25 Village President Burke stated that the alternative is for us to put water softener in it. He doesn't
26 think that is something that you want to drink. Mrs. Johnson stated that she doesn't like water
27 softener. Village President Burke stated that is something that you have to do at your end. If we
28 try to eliminate the so-called "Hardness," then we are introducing into the system some
29 additional chemicals that he doesn't think that people are going to want. There's nothing that we
30 can do to remove that. He understands what Mrs. Johnson is saying. He looked at the plants in
31 his house. After you water them over several years, you get some stuff around the edges. If we
32 put anything else into the water you are not going to be happy. We can't do it.

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34 Mrs. Johnson stated that she doesn't want anything placed in it. She just wants whatever is
35 making it hard to be removed. Mr. Landini stated that would be by the addition of chemicals in
36 order to remove it. Village President Burke stated that the only way you can do that is to
37 decalcify it. We can't do that. Mr. Landini stated that the only thing where you will not get
38 minerals in the water is distilled water. All other source water will have it. It is safe. He will
39 promise you that.

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41 Village President Burke stated that John McDonnell is not here today. He is on vacation. He
42 stated please forgive us that this is running long. We are trying to let you know about things that
43 are going on in the Village.

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45 **Chief Krull, Chief of Police – OfferUp -** Chief Krull stated that he has four items to bring
46 before you. None of them require any action at this point. Chief Krull stated that you go on your
47 phone, your laptop, or any device and you can buy anything from tires to a used cell phone. Kids

1 are doing it all the time. If you go on Craig’s List or backpage or in this case, OfferUp, you
2 would have to meet somebody at a location. You are going to meet this person that you don’t
3 know. Common-sense will tell you that probably most people are good. He truly believes that.
4 Are you going to meet somebody in the Wal-Mart Parking Lot, or a Shell Gas Station so you can
5 try to sell your old iPhone? He stated absolutely not. We have cameras in this facility. This
6 company, OfferUp, they jumped ahead of the curve. Chief Krull stated that we will have a sign
7 in the parking lot. It will be under camera surveillance. If you want to sell an item, you can go
8 over there in front of the police department, or in the lobby, and have that exchange. It is going
9 to make everybody safe. It will help, he believes, if you are the seller or the buyer. It will try to
10 raise your comfort level a little bit. The sign will be at the northeast corner of the parking lot. If
11 you don’t feel comfortable in the parking lot, please use the lobby. He has cameras everywhere
12 there too. It is a small thing that we can do to try to keep everybody safe. It is a free program.
13 There will be a green sign in the parking lot. (Chief Krull held up the sign that will be in the
14 parking lot). Chief Krull stated that it is a good idea to keep you safe.

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16 **Thank You Letter from the Park District** – Chief Krull stated that we got a Thank You Letter
17 from the Park District for the Sock Hop Hustle that was held on May 14th. The officers that
18 worked overtime were: Officer Dan Kickert and Officer Alvarado. They used Rich Township’s
19 ESDA. The Chicago Heights Fire Department was there with an ambulance crew for that event.
20 There were about 30-people there. It was not the turnout that they had expected. Chief Krull
21 stated that going forward, he would strongly advocate for some kind of reimbursement to the
22 Village for our services. We want to be a good neighbor to the Park District. When they have an
23 event that is on our streets and taking up our resources, we need to get a little something back.
24 Hopefully, this time next year he will be able to report that we got some type of reimbursement
25 from the Park District.

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27 **Information on Coyotes** – Chief Krull stated that all of the things that make this Village so
28 great, the trees, the parks, the creek. It is beautiful. We all love it. He stated that animals love it
29 too. We have raccoons, coyotes, squirrels, skunks, you name it. There was a resident at a prior
30 Meeting. She brought up some concerns about a wild coyote sighting. He thought that it was a
31 valid concern. What would he have you do if you saw a coyote? He researched it. He stated
32 thanks to Cindy Saenz and her Staff, if you go on the Village’s Website there is a link that tells
33 you everything you ever wanted to know if you ever see a coyote in the wild. Village President
34 Burke stated run. Chief Krull stated pay no attention to it. There are things that you can do to
35 make your house less friendly. You don’t want to feed wild animals. You want to keep your grill
36 covered. You want to keep your garbage contained and covered. It is a common-sense kind of
37 thing. He thought it would be a great idea to have it on the Website. Chief Krull thanked Mrs.
38 Saenz for her help in getting the information on the Website. He appreciates it.

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40 Chief Krull stated that it also has a threat matrix on there too. If you have an animal that is acting
41 odd, or walking up too close to you, or if it is aggressive, please call the cops. We will certainly
42 respond to that. There is also a section on how to keep your pet safe. If you have a dog or a cat
43 that is outside and you leave them food and water, that is an open invitation for a skunk, or
44 coyote to come and visit you. If you can avoid that, that would be fantastic.

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46 **Update on Code Red and NIXLE** – Chief Krull stated that this is an update on Code Red and
47 the system that he brought in when he started here in 2013 called “NIXLE.” He stated that we

1 have to be very careful as a Village as to the amount of information that we put out on Code Red
2 and on NIXLE. You have heard his voice when there is a snowstorm. He watches the weather
3 channel. He watches his e-mails. He is about 75% accurate with the storms, snow, and otherwise.
4 It is one way that we can try to get that information out to you.

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6 Chief Krull stated that NIXLE is meant for non-emergency events such as Town Hall Meetings.
7 Recently, we had a resident that was kind enough to call the police department and say that she
8 received a postcard in the mail and she thinks it is a fraud. She was kind enough to bring it in.
9 Chief Krull tried to track down the number. He couldn't find out where that number was listed
10 to. He is reasonably certain, from whoever he was talking to on the phone that they were not
11 anywhere from the area. They contacted the U.S. Postal Service. They are tracking it down as
12 well. That is an example of what we should be using that service for. You have Code Red for
13 weather related events, or if there is some kind of incident going on in town where he needs to let
14 everybody know right away and it is urgent, that is what they will use that for. NIXLE is used for
15 just general information.

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17 Village President Burke stated that one of the things that we found that is an issue is trying to get
18 people to sign-up for these programs. There are different places in the community where some
19 people use Code Red and some people use NIXLE. We need to find a way to get everybody on
20 these systems so that we can communicate with them. We want to ultimately send something out
21 to get your e-mail addresses and/or get you to sign-up for Reverse 911 so that we can
22 communicate with you. Otherwise, a third of the people are on it. He stated that half of the
23 people are not on this system. We need your help to automate this as much as possible. There is a
24 lot of very valuable information that we want to get out to people. It is not getting to everybody.
25 You will see some things in the future from us that will be asking you for things. We are going to
26 protect your privacy, but in order for us to truly make these things work we have to get some
27 information from you so that we can communicate with you.

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29 Chief Krull stated that you can sign-up for NIXLE on the Village's Website. That is an easy
30 method. He stated that for Code Red you have to come into the police department. There is a
31 form. The only reason for that is Code Red is through SouthCom. If we send out Code Red it is
32 just localized. There was a question at a previous Board Meeting on why didn't the weather
33 warning sirens go off. Those are all "hooked in series," meaning if it goes off in Richton Park it
34 is also going to go off here. We checked the system and everything was working properly.

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36 Mr. Bell inquired of Chief Krull how the shifts work. Chief Krull stated that we work 8:00 A.M.
37 to 4:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M., and 12:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. Mr. Bell inquired of Chief
38 Krull how many men are on each shift. Chief Krull stated that it all depends on our staffing
39 which is low right now. It could be as low as two. It could be as high as four or five. Mr. Bell
40 inquired of Chief Krull whether or not there is any difference on the weekend. Chief Krull stated
41 that during June, July, and August, we usually run at least four officers on the afternoon shift and
42 three on the midnight shift. Mr. Bell asked Chief Krull to tell us about Complaints and when a
43 policeman's comfort can be invaded. In other words, you can't just call the police and tell them
44 to go to a party and quiet the party down, right? Chief Krull stated that we can. You have to
45 understand that when you call 911, you are actually calling SouthCom. That information that you
46 provide, and you don't have to leave your name, that's all that they are going to relay to the

1 officers on the street. He stated that nine times out of 10 all it takes is a knock on the door, and
2 whoever is having the party will either shut it down or try to quiet it down if they can.
3 Mr. Ernie Gibson asked Chief Krull to tell us about the Drug Program where we have an officer
4 assigned to that, and let us know about the funds and how they are coming in from that program.

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6 Chief Krull stated that we talked about that at the last Staff Meeting. There are two separate
7 funds. There is the State Level Asset Forfeiture Fund which our officers here, if they seize drugs
8 or currency at a State Level, meaning it is probably not that big. It will come in in nickels and
9 dimes. It does add up after a while, but not like the other Asset Forfeiture Program at the Federal
10 Level. For the record, nobody here in Olympia Fields has been subject to any kind of State or
11 Federal Asset Forfeiture. Asset Forfeiture is just a tool that the Courts gave the police to try to
12 get funds to help run the police department. At the Federal Level, unfortunately they have not
13 been paying out as much as they use to previously. It will come in in trickles. We have one
14 officer that is in a full-time Federal Task Force. He is not going to get into details. The officer
15 that is in that Federal Task Force is doing a great job. We have a lot of money outstanding. When
16 those funds come in, it will certainly help with the operation of the Village and the police
17 department.

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19 Mrs. Sokol inquired of Chief Krull when those funds come in what are they used for. Is it
20 specified what it can be used for?

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22 Chief Krull stated yes. There are very, very strict Guidelines. When we had a squad with a bad
23 motor that was two or three Meetings ago, we didn't have the funds in the Budget to go out and
24 get another squad. In order for the General Fund not to be impacted, Chief Krull went to the
25 Board and asked if he could use the State Asset Forfeiture Funds to buy a used squad car. That is
26 a good example of how those funds should be used properly.

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28 Village President Burke stated that we are changing how we are doing this a little bit. We are
29 having Bi-Weekly Meetings. We discuss everything that is going on in the Village, those
30 Complaints or issues that may arise that get put on the table. There is a lot of cross pollination
31 about how we can address some of these things. We are trying to give the public an update on
32 what some of those things are.

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34 **Trustee Reports:**

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36 Village President Burke stated that next is the Trustee Reports. First, is Finance and Planning
37 from Trustee Pennington.

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39 **FINANCE/PLANNING:**

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41 **April 2017 Financial Statements** – Trustee Pennington stated that this evening he will be
42 reporting the financial results for the 12-month period ending April 30, 2017. The following are
43 the results: In the General Fund, our realized income for April was \$868,197.12 against a
44 budgeted amount of \$755,694.12, or 13% favorable to Plan. Corporate Fund Expenses were
45 unfavorable to Plan by 24%. The Village budgeted \$527,845.01, and incurred \$696,243.60 in
46 Expenses in the month of April. We are still in the General Fund. Our current total month surplus
47 in the General Fund was a negative 24.5% unfavorable to Budget by \$55,895.49. That is made

1 up of \$227,849.11 budgeted total versus the actual realized sum of \$171,953.52. This is all
2 reflected on your Bar Graph. The current month Fiscal Year to Date Surplus is unfavorable to
3 Budget Plan by 14.9%, or \$260,495.00 budgeted versus \$221,541.00 realized. The total
4 Revenues for the 12-month period ending April 30, 2017, shows Annual Operating Revenues at
5 \$7,272,235.00 budgeted, and actual 12-month Revenues at \$6,969,833.00, or 4.1% unfavorable
6 to Budget. The total Expenses for the 12-month period ending April 30, 2017, shows Annual
7 Budget Expenses of \$7,011,740.00, and Actual Incurred Expenses for 12-months of
8 \$6,748,292.00. A difference of \$263,448.00, or 4% of annual projections.

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10 Trustee Pennington stated with regard to the Water Fund, the Village budgeted for a Deficit in
11 the Water Fund at April 30th, 2017. The sum of \$254,666.58 was budgeted for Revenues and
12 realized \$121,707.99 in Actual Revenue. This resulted in a Deficit of \$132,640.47, or 52.2%.
13 Actual Expenses exceeded Budgeted Expenses by 14%, \$387,307.05 budgeted versus
14 \$449,884.20 actual. This resulted in an Expense Deficit in the Water Fund for April in the
15 amount of \$328,176.21 actual. Our Fiscal Year to Date Actual plus encumbrance in the Water
16 Fund is a Deficit \$176,080.30.

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18 Trustee Pennington stated with regard to the Sewer Fund, the Village budgeted for a Deficit in
19 this Fund as well for the month of April. The Fund Deficit in this Fund was a negative
20 \$144,525.11 against a budgeted Deficit amount of \$104,826.30. Our Fiscal Year to Date Actual
21 plus encumbrance is a positive \$83,486.29. This is rather unique in that we have funded for
22 Deficits, but our Actual Year to Date Plus Encumbrance is a positive. It's a negative positive
23 with regard to that.

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25 **Treasurer's Report** – Trustee Pennington stated that in your Packet you have the Village of
26 Olympia Fields Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances as of April 30th, 2017. Our Cash Balances
27 by way of Financial Institutions is \$5,729,160.78. Page 3 of the Treasurer's Report shows the
28 distribution of those funds and how they are meted out with respect to a Bar Graph.

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30 Trustee Pennington stated that we have the specific detail of our Financial Report for the month
31 of April. This is our Final Year to Date figure because we are reporting out on 12-months.

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33 Village President Burke stated that this information is out on the Website so you can go and get
34 it and look at it. In upcoming Meetings, we are going to make sure that we have the screen down
35 so you can actually see it in the graph format. We have it in front of us. You don't see it. So that
36 makes it a little difficult to understand. We want to give an open accounting of what is going on.
37 We are going to make sure that it is up on the screen.

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39 Trustee Pennington encouraged those that go on the Website and review the material, if they
40 have any questions, by all means shoot him an e-mail and he will get back to you with the
41 answers to any questions that you might have relative to the Village's finances.

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43 **Veterans Affairs Committee Report** – Trustee Pennington stated that on June 7th, the Veterans
44 Committee co-hosted with Brookdale Senior Living a Veterans Benefit Fair for the 89-resident
45 Veterans of that facility, and Veterans who reside in the Village of Olympia Fields. The
46 Committee learned at our May Meeting that several resident Veterans were having problems
47 connecting with the Veterans Administration regarding certain benefits and issues associated

1 with those benefits. It was on that basis that they decided to lend and assist. Brookdale agreed to
2 offer its facility for this purpose. Benefit Representatives from the Cook County Veterans Affairs
3 Commission, the State of Illinois Veterans Affairs Commission, and the Federal Veterans
4 Administration also participated. We met with 60-Veterans, or their family members to answer
5 questions regarding benefits.

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7 Trustee Pennington stated that their next endeavor will be to participate with other Veterans
8 Committee Groups in the southland on a Veterans Stand Down Day. This is a day in which we
9 provide supplies and services to the Homeless Veterans in the southland. We are working with
10 Veterans Groups in the area to plan this program and set a date. More information on this will
11 come.

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13 Trustee Pennington stated that they are also working with the Olympia Fields Country Club to
14 setup a Veterans Day at the Country Club for the Brookdale Veterans, as well as Veterans who
15 are residents of Olympia Fields. More information on this will be reported out as the plans come
16 to fruition.

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18 **Planning & Zoning Commission Report** – Trustee Pennington stated that he is coughing so
19 much that he will hold his Report on the Planning & Zoning Commission until the next time.

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21 **BUILDING:**

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23 **Requests Concerning Backyards** - Trustee Hudson stated that John McDonnell has been
24 receiving requests concerning the backyards of various residences. They cannot go back there to
25 look at the backyards. You can send him a Memo. They will be happy to go to your house and
26 see it from that area. Things that people put in their backyard might be great things to them, and
27 it may be junk to you. We have to be very careful about what we do with the backyard things.
28 She stated that you can report it. They will do what they can with it. They cannot go back there
29 to look at it without their permission, or your permission to let them see it from your house.

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31 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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33 Trustee Gibson stated that she has no Formal Report this evening. It seems like the Chief made
34 her Report. She has nothing more to say.

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36 **EDUCATIONAL:**

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38 Village President Burke stated that Trustee Oliver is not here this evening. There was no Report
39 in Trustee Oliver's absence.

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41 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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43 Trustee Matz stated that she did not have a Formal Report this evening.

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1 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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3 **IRMA Risk Management Committee Report** – Trustee Thomas stated that one of the
4 assignments that she was given by the Village President was to Chair the Human Resource
5 Committee and the Risk Assessment. Trustee Thomas met with the Department Heads. She was
6 very impressed. She went through the IRMA Assessment and looked at the recommendations
7 that they had made that the Village needed to be prepared for the Assessment that we are due to
8 go through sometime in September. This is a three-year Assessment. This is looking at our
9 Policies and Procedures. Their main objective is safety and consistency. She went through and
10 made her notes. She was all ready to inquire what their status was on this. Trustee Thomas stated
11 that she was impressed. Each of the Department Heads, Cynthia, Mr. Landini, and the Chief,
12 they were already on top of it. They were working on addressing those issues. She wants to say
13 to everyone here that we can take confidence in knowing that our Department Heads are doing
14 what they need to do in order to maintain the integrity of this Village. We had a very productive
15 Meeting. They were very accommodating. We met from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. They are off and
16 running. We will do a follow-up Meeting. Administrator Mekarski has the responsibility of
17 making sure that Meeting takes place. The Village is currently at a rating of “Good.” Her goal is
18 that we will be at “Very Good.” This has to do with the Village’s overall insurance. Trustee
19 Thomas stated good job to the Department Heads.

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21 **Personnel Manual** - Trustee Thomas stated that this week she will be having a Meeting with
22 Administrator Mekarski to go through what she knows is very near and dear to all of us, is to get
23 a good draft of our Personnel Manual. Once she has more information on what that looks like she
24 will be sharing that as well.

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26 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

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30 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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32 **KPMG Women’s PGA Championship – Tuesday, June 27th, 2017 to July 2nd, 2017** – Village
33 President Burke stated that everyone is aware of the fact that the KPMG Women’s PGA
34 Championship starts tomorrow. It goes through July 2nd. There are a lot of things going on in the
35 Village. Please pardon our dust. We’ve been trying to go around the Village to make sure that
36 everything is nice and clean. We can be very proud of these people coming from the outside.
37 They are leaving downtown at the Metra Station coming from Chicago out here. They are
38 advertising Olympia Fields. They have a train with Olympia Fields name on it. There are TV
39 cameras all over the place. You’ll see people being interviewed on TV. Olympia Fields is being
40 highlighted all over the place. That’s a really, really good thing.

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42 **Reminder: Board of Trustee Meeting – Tuesday, July 11th, 2017** – Village President Burke
43 stated that the next item is our next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, July 11th. Hopefully, you
44 will attend. We promise you it won’t be as long. We want to make sure that you are aware of
45 what is going on in the Village. We want to keep things as open as possible. So, feel free to ask
46 questions. We will answer as many of them as we possibly can.

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RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Resignation – Ilene Waite from the Educational Commission – Village President Burke stated that the last item is Resignations and Appointments. All of you know that Bob passed away and Ilene is moving from the Village. She is going to be Resigning from the Educational Commission.

Resignation – Johnny Morris from the Police Pension Board – Village President Burke stated that Johnny Morris is going to Resign from the Police Pension Board. He is going to be putting a person who is a Financial Analyst for Wells Fargo on that at another time. He is trying to make sure we have people who are highly-skilled to deal with those issues that are important to us on the Police Pension Board. He stated just so you understand, we have a \$24,000,000.00 obligation. We have to do everything that we can to make sure that is financially solvent. Otherwise, the Village itself is the Guarantor of that. We want to make sure that it earns as much money as possible and that there is not money coming out of our General Fund.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Thomas to adjourn at 9:19 P.M.

Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.