

1 Mr. Gibb who resides at 20821 Oak Lane stated that he has talked to most of the residents
2 since the Notice was mailed to all of the residents of Oak Lane. He stated that there is no
3 lack of support for going forward which they appreciate very much. They are hopeful that
4 the work can be completed by this fall.

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6 Mr. Gibb believes that there is one issue that has to be decided on by the Board. It is his
7 understanding that the Village has the funds, and since this is a small project, the Village
8 probably won't go out for a Bond, they will just self-finance it within the Village because
9 the Village has the funds to do that. He stated that if it does go that way, the residents
10 would appreciate the Board's consideration for a reasonable interest rate. The residents
11 on Oak Lane do receive a lot of services from the Village, but the Village hasn't paid
12 anything for maintenance on Oak Lane for the last 20 or 30-years. The residents have not
13 benefitted from that. He stated that hopefully with the reconstruction the residents are
14 going to pay for, the Village won't have any significant maintenance costs going forward
15 for the next 15 or 20-years. The residents would appreciate the Board's consideration at a
16 good interest rate. He suggested something similar to what the Village earns on its
17 current funds. He thanked the Board. Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Gibb
18 for his comments.

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20 Administrator Mekarski stated that there will be a 60-day period between now and when
21 the matter comes before the Board again which will be September 11th. There is a 60-day
22 Petition Period. He stated that may be adequate timing for the Village President and the
23 Board to refer this to the Finance Committee to take input from the Village's Treasurer as
24 well as from Kevin McCanna with Speer Financial, Inc., and with the Village's Bond
25 Counsel to layout what would be an acceptable interest rate. The residents are interested
26 in amortizing this over 15-years. He stated that the Finance Committee could report back
27 to the Board prior to the Board Meeting on September 11th.

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are going to be in a 60-day Petition
30 Period. During that time the Village will make those determinations. Village President
31 Meyers-Martin inquired if there were any other comments from the members of the
32 public or the Trustees. There being no further comments, Village President Meyers-
33 Martin closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 P.M.

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35 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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37 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:11 P.M.
38 There were members of the public in the audience but no one wished to address the
39 Board. Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:12
40 P.M.

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42 **FINANCE:**

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44 Trustee Pennington stated that he did not have a formal report this evening.
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1 **BUILDING:**

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3 **Village Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she has two
4 items on the Agenda. Mr. McDonnell is here to address those items because he has the
5 most current updates. Trustee Ormsby stated that with regard to the parking lot
6 reconstruction, they had a preconstruction meeting last week and everything was in order.
7 Trustee Ormsby asked Mr. McDonnell to provide an update to the Board.

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9 The Building Commissioner, Mr. McDonnell, stated that the preconstruction meeting
10 regarding the Village Hall parking lot went very well. The street and curb repairs will
11 start this week. Gallagher Asphalt will repair the street right next to Village Hall. They
12 will replace the curb and gutter on the street side, not on the parking lot side. He stated
13 that part of the Department of Public Works MFT Funds will take care of that.

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15 Mr. McDonnell stated that starting Wednesday of this week, some of the landscaping will
16 be removed for the reconstruction of the parking lot. One entrance will be open at all
17 times for the public. There is an unused entranceway at the back of the parking lot that
18 will be used for police only. He stated that residents will still be able to come and pay
19 their water bills and conduct business at Village Hall during the process.

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21 Mr. McDonnell stated that there are a lot of stakes in the parking lot. The lot has been
22 surveyed. He will be reviewing the survey stakes with the engineers to make sure that
23 everything is in their right place.

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25 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. McDonnell if the start time to finish time was going to
26 be approximately three-weeks. Mr. McDonnell stated that the work is to be completed in
27 three-weeks weather permitting. He stated that would be the only hold up.

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. McDonnell if there would still be
30 parking available across the street while the parking lot was being resurfaced. He stated
31 that parking will be available across the street.

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33 **Demolition of the Structure at 20000 Governors Highway** – Mr. McDonnell stated
34 that he met on June 7th with the owner's representative. Mr. McDonnell received a check
35 for the Village in the amount of \$16,100.00 for Lien Releases that the owner owed the
36 Village for the Village taking care of the property for the many years that it has been
37 vacant. On July 1st the Hazardous Material Inspection was completed on the building.
38 There was no hazardous material found on the property. He stressed to the owner's
39 representative and to the owner via e-mail that it is very important that the demolition
40 progress in a very quick manner. The object for lowering the Lien Rates was that they
41 would expedite the removal of that building. The owner's representative agreed and has
42 agreed to it before. The County Permit should be applied for within the next two-weeks.
43 The County Permit is only good for 30-days. After 30-days, they have to apply for it
44 again and pay the fees again. He stated that they want to be ready to go and bring
45 equipment in once that Permit has been issued. The Village should see a copy of that
46 Permit within the next two-weeks. It takes approximately 10 business days for the County

1 to approve the Permit. He stated that the Village probably won't see any action there until
2 August. The first thing they will see is trucks removing the restaurant equipment, light
3 fixtures, and plumbing fixtures. They will clean the building out first.

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5 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. McDonnell if the process for the demolition would be
6 done and would not interrupt anything that the Village is doing with the parking lot at
7 Village Hall. Mr. McDonnell stated that the process wouldn't be completed soon enough
8 where it would interrupt anything regarding the parking lot.

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10 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is very happy to hear that we made this
11 progress. She stated that this has felt like it has gone on forever. She stated that it was
12 very important to all of the Board Members that that be taken care of. She is happy that
13 we are moving forward. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Village will
14 have to continue monitoring their activities in terms of the Permit and then how quickly
15 they can get that building down. She thanked Mr. McDonnell for the follow-up.

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17 Mr. McDonnell stated that it has been a long process. He stated that it has been an
18 expensive undertaking for the owner. It is important to the owner to reduce their tax
19 burden. He stated with the building being there, it puts their tax burden very high. Once
20 the building is gone, the owner's tax burden will be very low. He stated that the owner is
21 excited to get out from underneath that tax bill every year.

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23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it enhances the Village's efforts in Economic
24 Development to get rid of an eyesore that has been there for much too long.

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26 **Commercial Businesses in the Village** – Mr. McDonnell stated that the Hospice Center
27 at Olympia Corners has moved to their new location which is right next to the Eye care
28 Center. James & Sons has relocated to the other side of Olympia Corners. The Village
29 will be issuing the Permit for Cardinal Fitness tomorrow. Cardinal Fitness will be moving
30 into Olympia Corners very soon.

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32 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. McDonnell how much build out is
33 required for Cardinal Fitness to move there in terms of that space. Mr. McDonnell stated
34 none really. They may have to do some bathroom remodeling and rearranging some
35 things. He stated that it is a pretty simple move for them.

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37 **New Homes in Olympia Club** – Mr. McDonnell stated that two new Home Permits were
38 released today for two homes to be built in Olympia Club.

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40 **Beautification Committee** – Trustee Ormsby stated that on July 22nd the Beautification
41 Committee will be judging for the Landscape Awards. The Beautification Committee
42 does not nominate the homes. The Presidents of the Homeowners Associations must
43 nominate the homes. She stated that if the President of the Homeowners Associations
44 does not get the list of homes to the Beautification Committee they cannot judge them.
45 The Beautification Committee sent a letter to the Presidents of the Homeowners

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have the lowest and best bidder on two separate
2 projects. The Village let the first project out for the Lift Stations at Woodstock, Kedzie
3 Avenue and Maynegaitte. He stated that two-weeks or a month later, the Village let out a
4 second contract for the remaining Lift Stations in the Village and the Water Pumping
5 Facility. They had the same contractor that won both Bids, but the projects have to be
6 broken up by separate payments.

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8 Trustee Waite stated that one project is #9 and the other is #10. Trustee Waite stated that
9 it states that in the Motions. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is stated in the
10 correspondence. There are two separate contracts. He stated that for accounting purposes
11 it is treated like separate projects. He stated that the work is going well. They have some
12 snags with gas lines that have to be delivered by Nicor. Other parts are being ordered.
13 There is asbestos removal in one of the old plants.

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15 Administrator Mekarski inquired of Mr. McDonnell if he knows from Mr. Alexa when
16 those generators would be fully installed at all of the Lift Stations. Mr. McDonnell stated
17 that he can't comment on the time that all of the new generators would come online. All
18 of the generators are in place and the Village is waiting for gas to be connected to them.

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20 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. McDonnell if it was a tiny bit of asbestos that had to be
21 removed. Mr. McDonnell stated that the asbestos removal doesn't affect the operation of
22 the new generators coming online. Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. McDonnell what that
23 is cost wise to the Village to abate the asbestos. Mr. McDonnell stated that he believes it
24 is very minimal. There was a very small amount found. It was almost non-detected.

25 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. McDonnell if it was on the Exhaust System. Mr.
26 McDonnell stated that it was on the Exhaust System. Trustee Waite stated that it was just
27 a matter of removing the whole Exhaust System and keeping the asbestos contained so
28 that you didn't have to disturb the asbestos at all. Mr. McDonnell stated that they just
29 have to remove it.

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31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that when she spoke with Joe Alexa about the
32 generators and when he thought that work would be completed, it was his estimate at that
33 time that it would be completed sometime during the fall. Mr. McDonnell stated that
34 could be correct. They are just waiting for the gas company to connect all of them.

35 Trustee Ormsby inquired if these glitches that we have found are just minimal.

36 Administrator Mekarski stated yes.

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

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39 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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41 **Amendment to Employee Personnel Manual – Employee Identification Badges –**

42 Trustee Nale stated that in the Board Packet there are two versions of the Policy in regard
43 to Employee Identification Badges. She stated that one is a very simplified Policy that
44 was proposed by the Human Resource Committee. The second version is more involved
45 and much more complete from Administrator Mekarski. Trustee Nale would like the
46 Human Resource Committee to review both versions of the Policy at their next meeting

1 on July 18th. She stated that she would have a decision for the Board to propose at the
2 next Board Meeting on August 22nd. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that would
3 be fine.

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5 **Identity Protection Policy** – Trustee Nale stated that she wanted to update the Board on
6 the Identity Protection Policy. The Policy was prepared by the Village Attorney regarding
7 the usage of Social Security Numbers when people are employed by the Village. Trustee
8 Nale presented that Policy to the Human Resource Committee. The Human Resource
9 Committee reviewed the Policy and they approve of that Policy. Trustee Nale stated that
10 at the Board Meeting on August 22nd a Motion will be made to accept that Policy.

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12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it has come to her attention that the Board
13 should refer the proposed Employee Identification Badge Policy to the Human Resource
14 Committee.

15 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to refer as to the Village**
16 **Administrator’s suggestion to consider Photo Identification and Name Tag Policy to**
17 **the Human Resource Committee for review and recommendation.**

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19 Trustee Waite inquired if this would include everybody that is employed by the Village.
20 Trustee Nale stated that it would include everybody that is employed by the Village as
21 well as visitors. He inquired if there would be Visitor Badges and if someone wants to
22 meet with Administrator Mekarski they would get a temporary Visitor’s Badge.
23 Administrator Mekarski stated that if the individual is not a regular contractual employee,
24 the person would receive a Visitor’s Badge and they would sign-in at the front desk. He
25 stated that we have Badges for the Board and Commission Members. Administrator
26 Mekarski stated that many times the front lobby is being locked up and someone is in the
27 foyer for an early Board or Commission Meeting, and they could be a new member and
28 Administrator Mekarski and his staff may not know who they are. He stated that the
29 person could then be requested to show his Badge if he is a Board or Commission
30 Member.

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32 Trustee Waite stated that the contractors and subcontractors coming into Village Hall
33 would need Visitor Badges. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is worded “at the
34 discretion of the Department Head.” Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski
35 as to who makes the decision as to whether or not a visitor needs a Visitor’s Badge.
36 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have not worked out the logistics on that. The
37 Village President will be holding another Staff Meeting with the Management Team and
38 that will be discussed with the Department Heads. He stated that they will do that
39 concurrent with Trustee Nale’s review with the Human Resource Committee.

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41 Trustee Waite stated that theoretically, the Village will have a record of everybody who
42 visits, the time they came, and the time they left, and who they visited with.
43 Administrator Mekarski stated that is something that we are going to discuss. Village
44 President Meyers-Martin stated that they do need a Badge.

1 Trustee Waite stated that everybody that is not an employee, or doesn't already have a
2 Badge, will need a Temporary Badge. Administrator Mekarski stated that everybody
3 entering into the work site into the Village Hall area and working, or meeting for an
4 extended period of time should have a Badge. He stated that if the Beautification
5 Committee was meeting in the Conference Room, and if the police department was doing
6 a check, it would be good for them to know who the members of the Beautification
7 Committee are so that they know that everyone that is in the Village Hall should be in the
8 Village Hall. He stated that the Board and Commission Members will be issued a regular
9 ID because they are volunteers. He stated that there are Commission Members using the
10 old Village Hall and using the new Village Hall on Saturdays and late evenings, and
11 many times an officer is not aware of who they are.

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13 Trustee Waite stated that we would have to keep track of who the committee members
14 are, and when someone is no longer a member of a committee we have to get their
15 Badges back. Administrator Mekarski stated that is correct. He stated that Karen
16 Pascarella manages the listing of the Board and Commissions and their dates of
17 expiration.

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19 Trustee Waite stated that the police officers have an ID System so they wouldn't need an
20 additional Badge. Administrator Mekarski stated that is yet to be determined.

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22 Trustee Pennington stated that it would be his recommendation that we have an opt out
23 feature in this particular Policy which would opt out the Police Department. He stated
24 that they are in uniform. Trustee Waite stated that they are not always in uniform. Trustee
25 Pennington stated that there is only one Detective. He stated that if they come in civilian
26 dress we know them anyway. Trustee Waite stated that he wasn't thinking about us
27 knowing them as much as the community knowing them. He stated that if they are
28 someplace in some kind of an emergency, off-duty type of situation, they have a Badge
29 that they can pull out to identify themselves. He stated that they wouldn't need an
30 additional Badge.

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32 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the police have their Badge with them with
33 their name and their Badge Number. Trustee Nale stated that she believes that this will be
34 clarified when everybody looks at the proposal.

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36 Trustee Ormsby stated that she believes it needs to be simplified a little bit. She believes
37 that people need a Badge that says "Visitor" or "Committee Member." Trustee Ormsby
38 made the suggestion to Trustee Nale that people need to log-in when they come and when
39 they leave. She thinks that is very important. Trustee Nale stated that she will make that
40 recommendation.

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

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1 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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3 **Authorization for the Village President to enter into an Intergovernmental**
4 **Agreement with the City of Chicago Heights for Temporary Housing of Village’s**
5 **Prisoners** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that in Trustee Gibson’s absence
6 Administrator Mekarski would be covering the items under Public Safety. Administrator
7 Mekarski stated that the first item is a request from Chief Chudwin relative to an
8 Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Chicago Heights for temporary housing of
9 the Village’s Prisoners. Administrator Mekarski stated that for a number of years the
10 Village has informally been utilizing the services of the Village of Matteson and their jail
11 facility for the temporary housing of prisoners. That helps the department significantly by
12 not requiring the Village after operating hours to have a full-time employee working,
13 and/or a regular employee drawing overtime. The Village of Matteson has expressed to
14 Chief Chudwin informally the burden and the costs to the Village of Matteson for this
15 service. Chief Chudwin is looking into other alternatives and one alternative he is looking
16 at is the City of Chicago Heights.

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18 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Agreement before the Board this evening has been
19 negotiated between the Village of Olympia Fields and the City of Chicago Heights. Judy
20 Kolman, the Village’s Legal Counsel has reviewed the Agreement. He stated that the one
21 major element that still needs to be worked out is the issue of the total amount of liability
22 coverage. He stated that Paragraph 5 of the Agreement states as follows: “The Village
23 shall provide to the City prior to the commencement of services as outlined in this
24 Agreement, and every year thereafter by the same date, a Certificate of Liability
25 Insurance with a coverage amount of no less than \$5,000,000.00, naming the City of
26 Chicago Heights, The Chicago Heights Police Department and all of its officers, agents,
27 employees and public officials as additional insured’s for any incidents or injuries or
28 claims arising from the detention of a Village of Olympia Fields prisoner in the Chicago
29 Heights jail facility, subject to the limitations set forth in Paragraph 3 of this Agreement.
30 The Parties agree that the Village’s liability policy shall provide primary coverage for
31 such claims, actions and liabilities, and the City owned liability policies shall provide
32 secondary coverage for such claims.” Administrator Mekarski stated that we want to get a
33 comprehensive recommendation regarding that entire paragraph from Dan LeTourneau of
34 the Village’s Property Liability Firm which is the Intergovernmental Risk Management
35 Agency. Once they receive his recommendations, the Village would do an assessment of
36 costs to determine if that would cause any additional cost beyond the considerations of
37 simply transferring an annual fee to the City of Chicago Heights. When the Village
38 receives the recommendations from Mr. LeTourneau the Village Attorney would make
39 the final changes in the Agreement.

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41 Administrator Mekarski stated that this is before the Board this evening because the
42 Board will be going into summer recess and the next Board Meeting will be on August
43 22nd. Chief Chudwin would like the Board to consider the Motion. The Motion authorizes
44 the Village President to enter into the Agreement with the condition that the Agreement
45 will be revised in a final form to the recommendation and specification as set forth by the
46 Village’s Legal Counsel and the Village’s Property and Liability Insurer,

1 Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency. There is a Memorandum in the Board
2 Packet from Chief Chudwin dated July 11th outlining his thoughts relative to this issue.

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4 Trustee Pennington stated that he had three points that he had to bring up relative to this
5 issue. 1. We have not budgeted for this type of activity in our current Fiscal Year. He
6 inquired where this would come from.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was going to pursue that with Chief
9 Chudwin to find out if there is any possibility of those funds coming out of the Customs
10 Account. Trustee Pennington stated that he doesn't think it can be taken out of the
11 Customs Account. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she isn't sure if it can
12 come from the Customs Account, but she is going to ask Chief Chudwin about that.

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14 Administrator Mekarski stated that perhaps it could come out of the Customs Account for
15 the first year. He stated that they generally allow you to use Customs Funds in an interim
16 basis if it is not a regular budgeted item.

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18 Trustee Pennington stated that he believes that it is important that the Village look at the
19 coverage issue, because as he understands it, the Village has a certain figure of coverage.
20 The \$5,000,000.00 coverage amount that's being asked by the City of Chicago Heights
21 may encumber the Village's liability coverage. He stated that it may impact that
22 significantly.

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24 Trustee Pennington stated that we need to look at their "Hold Harmless Agreement" to
25 make sure that it is consistent with the "Hold Harmless Agreements" that the Village has
26 in place. He stated that he wanted to get those three points on the record because they are
27 indeed important and could possibly be problematic.

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29 Administrator Mekarski stated that just to provide consideration for the Chief in the event
30 that we are left without housing prisoners which the Chief is concerned with, and that the
31 Village is imposed upon overtime costs way in excess of what the minimal cost is, \$50.00
32 per day per person and/or \$100.00 for routine intake processing and live scan, he
33 suggested that in keeping with Trustee Pennington's comments besides having that
34 review by the Village Attorney and the Village's Property Liability Insurer, that it meets
35 with the final approval of Trustee Gibson, Liaison to the Public Safety Committee and
36 Trustee Pennington, Liaison to the Finance Committee. The two Liaisons can work as an
37 Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Over the summer recess, they can have a conference call with the
38 insurer, the Village Attorney, and the two Trustee Liaisons and if everything is to hoyle
39 the Village President would have the authority to execute the Agreement.

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41 Trustee Waite inquired how many people the Village had to house in the last Fiscal Year.
42 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Chief has indicated based on the rates that it
43 would be anywhere between \$3,000.00 and \$5,000.00 at the most. The Chief indicated
44 that generally the cost is \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 per year.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that many times if they have prisoners they try to
2 take them to Markham. She stated that if Markham doesn't accept them, the Village has
3 to have an alternative place to house them.
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5 Trustee Waite inquired if Markham is a County facility. Administrator Mekarski stated
6 that it is a County facility. Trustee Waite inquired what Markham charges the Village.
7 Administrator Mekarski stated that he does not have that cost up front. Trustee Waite
8 inquired if Markham has space. Administrator Mekarski stated that the second paragraph
9 of the Chief's Memorandum states as follows: "Currently, Olympia Fields processes
10 arrestees and then most often can directly send the prisoners to the Markham Courthouse
11 lock up. There are however times when the Markham facility cannot accept additional
12 prisoners or paperwork cannot be completed to allow such transfer. Additionally, we may
13 be required to hold arrestees in our lock up during extended investigations of criminal
14 offenses. In the past we have relied upon the Matteson Police Department to assist us, but
15 we have had no formal Agreement and it is difficult for them to do so as it requires their
16 personnel to monitor our prisoners." Administrator Mekarski stated that prisoners can
17 never be left alone. They have to be hydrated and fed.
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19 Trustee Waite stated that first they see if Markham has space and if they don't then they
20 would go to Chicago Heights. Administrator Mekarski stated that is why the Chief is
21 saying generally it is \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 yearly, not to exceed \$5,000.00. The rates
22 per person have already been discussed with Chicago Heights. The Memorandum goes
23 on to say that "We do not expect that we would be required to make use of the Chicago
24 Heights facility on a regular basis, but having this option will allow us to keep officers on
25 patrol that would otherwise have to sit in the station watching a prisoner as required by
26 State rules."
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28 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Administrator Mekarski if Matteson took the prisoners from
29 the Village of Olympia Fields for a cost. Administrator Mekarski stated there was no cost
30 involved. Trustee Ormsby inquired of Administrator Mekarski if Matteson required
31 liability insurance with the prior arrangement the Village had with them. Administrator
32 Mekarski stated no, it was a community sharing type thing. Trustee Pennington stated
33 that unless there was an Intergovernmental Agreement in place between the two Villages
34 you wouldn't see that type of language regarding liability insurance.
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36 Trustee Ormsby stated that our issue is that we have jail facilities here, but we don't have
37 the manpower for overnight. Administrator Mekarski stated that many times we hold
38 prisoners awaiting transfer to Markham, and sometimes through the evening. But it does
39 require an officer to come in off of patrol and make sure that they are in the station at all
40 times. He stated that if a storm came up like this morning, or there is a car accident and
41 manpower is needed, one officer has to stay in the station with the prisoner. Trustee
42 Ormsby stated that our jail is basically a holding area during the day until the prisoner
43 can be moved. Administrator Mekarski stated that is correct.
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1 **Authorization for the Village President to enter into an Exclusive Agreement**
2 **between the Village of Olympia Fields and RedFlex Traffic Systems, Inc. for Photo**
3 **Red Light Enforcement Program** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the second item
4 that the Chief has forwarded is two Agreements dealing with one particular issue. The
5 Village Board has been awaiting delivery of the authorization to proceed with another red
6 light enforcement camera at the intersection of Lincoln Highway (Route 30) and Western
7 Avenue. This would be the east bound lane that is within the Village’s jurisdiction.

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9 Administrator Mekarski stated that there are two Agreements in the Board Packet. One of
10 them is the Exclusive Agreement between the Village of Olympia Fields and RedFlex
11 Traffic Systems for Photo Red Light Enforcement Program. There is a separate Exclusive
12 Agreement between the Village of Olympia Fields and RedFlex Traffic Systems for
13 violation processing services.

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15 Administrator Mekarski stated that in the Board Packet is a Memorandum dated May 8th,
16 2011, from Chief Chudwin. The Chief has been working for a number of months with
17 RedFlex to negotiate the two Agreements. The Village Attorney, Judy Kolman,
18 conducted a comprehensive review of both Agreements. Administrator Mekarski stated
19 that on Page 3, Section 2.1.13 states as follows: “If there should be program expansion
20 that costs no more than \$25,000.00 the Customer and RedFlex shall be equally
21 responsible for the amount that exceeds \$12,000.00 to provide and install proscribed LED
22 Traffic Signal Lights at the intersection pursuant to the permit issued by the authorizing
23 agency. RedFlex will incur the first \$12,000.00 of the LED upgrade cost and any amount
24 to exceed \$25,000.00.” He stated that Chief Chudwin has indicated that this arrangement
25 of shared costs is consistent with other Agreements around the Metropolitan Chicago
26 area.

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28 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Chief has negotiated the cost of \$4,400.00 per
29 month for each designated intersection approach as full remuneration for performing all
30 of the services contemplated in this Agreement. That is slightly reduced from the
31 previous Agreement of \$4,450.00. He stated that is significant because the Village had
32 one of the early Agreements for the RedFlex Program. The costs are significantly higher
33 for many newer communities under the newer contracts. He stated that the Chief has
34 indicated that cost should be absorbed. Administrator Mekarski stated that these things
35 are always difficult to gauge in the first year. Administrator Mekarski reminded the
36 Board how slow our cameras were in getting the angle right, and the photography right,
37 and the lighting right, and that the cameras were not producing the kind of results that
38 neither RedFlex nor the Village anticipated. Once the technical problems were resolved,
39 substantial traffic violations started to be processed and revenues came into both parties.

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41 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski if the term of the Agreement is for
42 three-years. Administrator Mekarski stated that he doesn’t have that at his fingertips.
43 Trustee Pennington stated that on Page 5, item 2 indicates that it is a three-year
44 anniversary.
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1 Trustee Waite inquired that if the term of the Agreement is for three-years and if no
2 tickets are issued, what does it cost the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is
3 \$4,400.00 per month. Trustee Waite stated that the Village is entering into this for a
4 three-year period, plus the Village has to pay some of the installation costs. Trustee Waite
5 stated that he has read a lot of articles recently where they have installed these cameras at
6 intersections, and because people become aware of them over a period of time the
7 incident rate goes almost to zero. He stated that if that happens at this particular
8 intersection the Village has a significant cost involved.

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10 Trustee Oliver inquired what the ultimate goal is of the RedFlex Program period
11 particularly at that intersection. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is not revenue, it is
12 traffic safety. Trustee Oliver inquired what it is about that intersection that suggests that
13 RedFlex is needed there. Administrator Mekarski stated that RedFlex would not pursue
14 Permits from IDOT for an intersection if it did meet traffic safety warrants. They look at
15 a comprehensive history of the amount of violations that occur in that intersection, the
16 amount of accidents, and the amount of accidents with injuries and deaths. He stated that
17 the greatest thing that could happen with the installation of the RedFlex Cameras is that
18 violations stop 100%, and we achieve full safety because that may be saving an innocent
19 bystander, a passenger in a vehicle, a child, or even the driver that would potentially
20 violate it.

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22 Trustee Waite stated that he wants to believe that we are all ultraistic and we'd like to
23 have no violations and no accidents at a particular intersection. He has a hard time
24 believing that we are only doing this for public safety and not for revenue. He would like
25 to see the accident rates at that intersection.

26
27 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Chief Chudwin has that information. Village
28 President Meyers-Martin stated that she use to be the Public Safety Liaison, and that
29 there had been a significant reduction in accidents ever since the RedFlex Cameras were
30 installed. She stated that the Chief does have those numbers and he could provide those to
31 Trustee Waite.

32
33 Trustee Ormsby stated that when RedFlex first came to the Village, the Village was very
34 specific that it did not want to use them for revenue that it was only for safety. The
35 cameras could only be placed at what the Village considered "high risk areas." She is
36 hoping that is still our goal. Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Pennington if the Village
37 budgeted for this. Trustee Pennington stated that there is money in the Budget for this.
38 Trustee Ormsby stated that on the Chicago Heights side of that intersection they have
39 RedFlex. She stated that going west RedFlex is there, and going east on the Olympia
40 Fields side it is not there.

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42 Trustee Pennington stated that the important thing to remember in this is the fact that the
43 violators of RedFlex are primarily over the road truckers. They are the ones that violate
44 the speed limit on Route 30. The Village does generate substantial income off of this.
45 During the first two or three-years the Village did not generate much income off of
46 RedFlex. Trustee Pennington was not in favor of it at that point because he didn't see any

1 income from it. The Village was spending tremendous amounts of money in securing this
2 system. He stated that if you look at the financials each month, there is significant income
3 coming in, but that is not what the Village is generating it for. The Village will reap the
4 benefits, but at the same time the statistics for lower hazards are there too.

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6 Trustee Waite stated that he had this conversation with Chief Chudwin. Trustee Waite
7 stated to the Chief that on Route 30 if you setup a speed trap over there, how many
8 tickets are you going to give out. The Chief had stated more tickets than the Village could
9 ever handle. Trustee Waite stated that the Chief had stated that if they arrest everybody
10 speeding on Route 30 through Olympia Fields, they would give out thousands of tickets,
11 but they would have traffic tied up forever and they couldn't do that. Trustee Waite was
12 disappointed that Chief Chudwin wasn't at the meeting this evening.

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14 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wasn't sure what point Trustee Waite
15 was trying to make.

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17 Trustee Waite stated that if there wasn't any revenue there, he doesn't think the Village
18 would consider it. He stated that there is revenue there and that's wonderful. He believes
19 that the Village should think about what it is that it is doing. The Village is finding itself
20 in longer term contracts and more difficult contracts to get out of. He stated that when the
21 revenue goes to zero, then you look at it and say, "Well, what do we do now? We have a
22 contract that is going on for another three-years. It's for Public Safety purposes."

23
24 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Waite if he was in favor of the
25 RedFlex Camera at Orchard and Route 30. Trustee Waite stated that he doesn't remember
26 that. He inquired if he was on the Board then. Village President Meyers-Martin stated
27 that he lived in town. Trustee Waite stated that he saw that it was happening. He gave a
28 number of newspaper articles to former President Jones that showed what happened up
29 on the north side on Higgins Road. They didn't have any accidents to speak of, but they
30 gave out \$1,000,000.00 a month in tickets. The human cry was so great they filled up the
31 Board Room at Hoffman Estates.

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33 Trustee Ormsby stated the difference is that mainly the residents in Hoffman Estates were
34 being ticketed. Trustee Waite stated that he use to live in that area and there are as many
35 truckers going through there as there are at Route 30.

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37 Trustee Ormsby stated that she feels that Route 30 and Western is a nasty, speedy corner,
38 and if it will slow people down going through the Village whether it is a revenue boost or
39 not she would like to see that. She doesn't like that corner. She agrees with the Chief that
40 there are probably a thousand people speeding through it. If there are that many people
41 speeding through it then the Village has a responsibility to slow them down. Trustee
42 Ormsby stated that she understands Trustee Waite's point.

43
44 Trustee Waite stated that we are not giving out speeding tickets. We are giving out red
45 light tickets. He stated that in Chicago Heights they had an intersection where they were

1 giving out tickets if somebody's bumper strayed over the white line by a couple of
2 inches.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated but that is not the case in Olympia Fields. The
5 Village does not give tickets on right turn on red with the RedFlex unlike many other
6 Villages. She stated that is not the purpose of this camera.

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8 Trustee Waite stated then it is just red lights and no right turns and no left turns.

9 Administrator Mekarski stated unless they fly through the red light. He stated that if they
10 do a gradual stop or a slow stop, no. He stated that other communities you have to stop
11 fully for a few seconds and then continue. Trustee Waite stated that he is going to look
12 into the accidents at that intersection.

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14 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she respects Trustee Waite's opinion. The
15 Chief will provide those figures to Trustee Waite regarding the number of accidents at
16 that intersection.

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18 Trustee Waite stated that anecdotally he has never seen a fatal accident at that
19 intersection. He stated that at the corner of Joe Orr Road and Western Avenue there has
20 probably been about 10 fatal accidents there since he has lived here, and nobody is
21 proposing putting a camera up there.

22
23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she doesn't believe that those accidents
24 occurred because people went through the red light but she is not sure. Trustee Waite
25 stated that they run the red light there. The light stays red longer in one direction than it
26 does in the other. People have a hard time figuring it out. Almost every time he goes
27 there somebody goes speeding through that intersection on the red. He stated that if a cop
28 was sitting at that intersection they could give out dozens of tickets.

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30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that may be a location for another camera.

31 Trustee Waite stated that it won't generate revenue. Village President Meyers-Martin
32 stated that isn't why we do it. She stated that she was going to have to bring this
33 discussion to a conclusion. The Board is going to take a vote. She stated that we certainly
34 respect your opinion about that. She asked the Board to vote their consciences.

35 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Village**
36 **President to enter into an Exclusive Agreement between the Village of Olympia**
37 **Fields and RedFlex Traffic Systems, Inc. for Photo Red Light Enforcement**
38 **Program.**

39 **Roll Call: Ayes (4) (Trustee Oliver Abstained). Motion Carried.**

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41 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Village**
42 **President to enter into an Exclusive Agreement between the Village of Olympia**
43 **Fields and RedFlex Traffic Systems, Inc. for Violation Processing Services.**

44 **Roll Call: Ayes (4) (Trustee Oliver Abstained). Motion Carried.**

1 Administrator Mekarski encouraged all of the Trustees to take some time and visit Les
2 Delya who processes the RedFlex Cameras and attends the local Court proceedings
3 regarding those matters. He stated that you can watch the camera 24/7. You can watch
4 the traffic patterns at the corner of Lincoln Highway and Governors Highway. He stated
5 that you will be amazed at how many trucks and cars blatantly go through a red light that
6 is stale for multiple seconds. He saw a school bus go through the red light that was red
7 for about five-seconds. He stated that this system helps to change the behavior of drivers.
8 He stated that if we save one life then we did a good thing. That is what this program is
9 ultimately about.

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11 Trustee Waite stated that he and Administrator Mekarski watched the traffic patterns
12 together. He stated that neither the school bus nor the truck that went through was going
13 fast enough to kill anybody. They were practically stopped in the middle of the
14 intersection in order to make the turns.

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16 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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18 **Jewel-Osco Closing - Update** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the only thing that he
19 has on the Administrator’s Agenda is an update about the unfortunate announcement of
20 the Jewel-Osco closing in Olympia Fields. He is aware that the Board realizes that the
21 Olympia Fields Jewel-Osco didn’t just serve the residents of Olympia Fields, but it
22 served the Park Forest residents and the majority of their northern neighborhoods. It also
23 served the City of Chicago Heights, the Village of Matteson and Richton Park. The
24 Village President asked Administrator Mekarski to coordinate with our Congressional
25 and our State Legislative Delegation. In the Board Packet there is a letter from
26 Congressman Jackson. Congressman Jackson is asking Brian Huff, President of Jewel-
27 Osco to meet with the local officials of Olympia Fields, Park Forest, Matteson and
28 Chicago Heights to postpone or reverse this decision. Congressman Jackson is asking the
29 Governor to utilize his powers, and the opportunity for incentives possibly from DCEO to
30 help induce Jewel-Osco to reverse its decision and stay as a 23-year partner of this
31 Village. He stated that there has been a full court effort to reach out to our entire
32 Legislative Delegation. He stated that the Village President had a meeting with the
33 Governor today.

34
35 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the loss of the Jewel-Osco would be a
36 tremendous blow to the Village’s economy, to our Sales Tax Revenue, and to our
37 business health in general. The Village is very disappointed that Jewel-Osco has made
38 this decision. Since the Village received that information, the Village has been constantly
39 in touch with our Legislators to implore their assistance in helping the Village to retain
40 those jobs at Jewel and that economy.

41
42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that today the Governor was in Tinley Park
43 attending the Regional Consensus Luncheon for the Southland Chamber. The Governor
44 was gracious enough to meet with some of the South Suburban Mayors and Village
45 President Meyers-Martin was included. She stated that we met with him at the luncheon
46 and we also had a private meeting with him afterwards. Village President Meyers-Martin

1 stated that she did implore his assistance both on the State level, as well as anything that
2 he can do in his office to provide the Village with some assistance in negotiating with
3 Jewel. The Governor graciously agreed to put the Village in contact with the Director of
4 the National Retailers Association to intercede for the Village with Jewel, in order to
5 bring Jewel back to the table. Representative Al Riley is going to provide a letter to
6 Jewel. Senator Toi Hutchinson has agreed to provide a letter to Jewel. The Village is
7 hoping that this is not a done deal. The Village wants Jewel to stay. The Village doesn't
8 want that empty, vacant store in that plaza. The Village doesn't want to deny Park Forest
9 the Jewel-Osco. The Village is working with Park Forest, Chicago Heights, and Matteson
10 to intercede and bring Jewel back to the table. The Village is hopeful that it will reap
11 some benefits from that. She was encouraged that the Governor understood the Village's
12 plight. He was sympathetic to the Village's plight. The Governor agreed to put the
13 Village in touch with the proper authorities to help the Village move forward. She
14 encouraged the residents to write letters to Jewel. Village President Meyers-Martin
15 thanked Congressman Jackson on behalf of the Village for the letter that he wrote to the
16 President of Jewel-Osco. She stated that the Village is not going to give up yet.

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18 Administrator Mekarski stated that we had the opportunity to meet with Cook County
19 Commissioner, Joan Murphy. He stated that Joan Murphy stated that if the Village
20 President was successful in getting a meeting with Jewel Corporate, she would make sure
21 that the full resources of the County are there to provide additional incentives. He stated
22 that the Village was in discussion with Jewel for over a three-year period as Trustee
23 Ormsby is aware, to do a \$3,000,000.00 renovation. The customers were saying that if
24 the store had been revitalized and the offerings were equal to the Homewood or Frankfort
25 Jewel, they would patronize the store more than they have. He stated that our own
26 customers may not have been going to that store with the kind of frequency that they
27 should because the product selection, the price point, and the amenities were just not up
28 to par. The Village assisted Jewel with lowering their property tax with Cook County.
29 The Village Board gave a letter of support to the Property Tax Appeal Board to achieve
30 that. The Village setup the Tax Incremental Financing District in the corridor and the
31 Village invited Jewel into the TIF District to fast-track them to use the TIF Monies to
32 help subsidize the \$3,000,000.00. The Village met with Jewel and created a liaison
33 partnership to help them facilitate a good Lease Agreement with Centro Properties.
34 Centro Properties was facing Bankruptcy for the past three-years in Chapter 11
35 reorganization. They didn't have the financial capacity, or the legal capacity, to make a
36 change in those Lease Agreements as they would have if they were financially
37 sustainable. That company was bought out by the Blackstone Group. The Blackstone
38 Group is rich with capital. The purchase was made within the last three-months. They are
39 in the state of reorganization. Centro Properties, at the request of the Village, has been
40 more lenient to Jewel. He stated that Jewel was not only looking for changes in their
41 Lease, but also commitments to capitalize the plaza equal to their \$3,000,000.00
42 investment, lighting, parking lot, facade improvements and signage. He stated that won't
43 be forthcoming from the Blackstone Group for possibly another year.

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45 Administrator Mekarski believes that if the State, the County, Centro Properties, the
46 Village, and the local Mayors participated, there might be an economic formula that

1 makes sense for Centro Properties. He provided a document to the Board that was
2 prepared by BDI, Business Developments, Inc. and Teska Associates, Inc. as part of the
3 Village's Retail Redlining Strategy. They looked at the five-minute drive time of the
4 Olympia Fields Jewel-Osco and the other five competing Jewel-Osco's in the region. The
5 Olympia Fields Jewel-Osco meets or exceeds all of the location criteria that Jewel utilizes
6 to give an indication of whether they would be profitable, with the exception of
7 Frankfurt, and a slightly larger amount of average household income in the 183rd
8 Homewood Store. The Olympia Fields store is the dominant corridor in terms of retail
9 expenditures and grocery expenditures. We are the strongest corridor in terms of daily
10 traffic trips with 65,000 cars going through that corridor. The Village has the average
11 household income and the disposable income to make that profitable.

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13 Administrator Mekarski believes that if Jewel did the \$3,000,000.00 improvements they
14 would capture the Village's market, and a lot of the loss market in that whole multi-
15 Village area and they could make a difference. They have proven that there is enough
16 room for a Class A Grocery Store and the value grocery stores to exist at that
17 intersection. The Village is appealing to the residents to send cards and letters to Jewel
18 and try to make a difference with this Village Board.

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20 Trustee Ormsby stated that Administrator Mekarski is correct that we sat at the table with
21 Jewel for three-years. The Village did everything in its power to make Jewel stay. During
22 those three-years the meetings would become so frustrating because she would beg them,
23 "Clean up your store. If you can't put the money into it, clean it up, bring a better
24 product. Train your people. How can we have our citizens' shop at a store that is
25 substandard to our standard of Olympia Fields?" She stated that it was the most
26 frustrating three-years because they would never, ever do it. She is sorry that they are
27 going. They never invested in our Village. They just wouldn't do it. She stated that if
28 they come back and they keep the same substandard Jewel, that's not acceptable either.
29 She stated that this Village demands high quality stores and they did not give it to us. She
30 is so sad that they are gone. She is so sad that they would not believe in this Village as
31 much as we believed in them. She stated that Administrator Mekarski was just as
32 passionate at every meeting, begging them to do this and they didn't. Is she sorry that
33 they are gone? She stated absolutely. But they did not put a penny into cleaning that
34 store, or training their people, or presenting a product of what we are use to in Olympia
35 Fields. She is a little disappointed in the Jewel period. She is grateful that we are begging
36 them to stay in this community. Village President Meyers-Martin has taken time.
37 Administrator Mekarski has taken time. We have our Congressman involved. She is a
38 little frustrated with Jewel and she is a little tired of this. She stated don't put a product in
39 this town that no one will come to and then you are going to fail. Trustee Ormsby stated
40 that she needed to get that on record. She is just as sad as everybody else, but they did not
41 believe in us the way we tried to believe in them.

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43 Trustee Pennington stated hear, hear. Trustee Nale stated yes. Trustee Oliver stated that
44 when he first got the news last week he was mortified. He runs through that area along
45 Western and Lincoln Highway. He stated that it is so sad to see the number of vacant
46 buildings along that corridor. He stated that it was even worse when he pictured Jewel

1 closing and what that would mean for that corridor. He has envisioned what that would
2 be like six-months down the road, or a year down the road with that whole corridor. He
3 stated that with as much effort and involvement that we have been putting into the
4 Economic Development of that corridor it is still going to take a little while. He stated
5 that he had such joy, and he had such pride when he noticed the efforts of the Village
6 President and the Administration of doing everything possible to reach out to anyone and
7 everyone who would be able to come to the aid of Olympia Fields to keep that business
8 in place. Trustee Oliver applauded the Village President for her efforts and her leadership
9 in trying to do something to keep that business here.

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11 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Trustee Oliver for his comments. She believes
12 that it is very important that the Village works with Jewel. She was at a meeting with
13 Jewel where the Village was saying that they wanted Jewel to cooperate with the Village,
14 and that the Village wanted them to provide a product that was acceptable to our high
15 standards. She understands Trustee Ormsby's frustration. She believes that it is a blow if
16 the Village loses them because they are one of the larger employers in the Village. They
17 represent a lot of the Village's Economic Development. Administrator Mekarski has
18 those numbers in terms of what they provide to the Village. She thought that it was very
19 important to pursue this. She stated at the end of the day we may not be successful, but
20 she doesn't want to say that the Village didn't give it our best effort to keep them here for
21 the benefit of the Village.

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23 Administrator Mekarski stated that this is the second Press Release by Congressman
24 Jackson and direct open letter. Congressman Jackson has been using the full capacity of
25 his office in Washington and his local office to address this issue. Congressman Jackson
26 contacted the Village President and Administrator Mekarski last Thursday. Congressman
27 Jackson spoke to them directly. Congressman Jackson stated that he wanted to let
28 Administrator Mekarski and the Village President know that we are here for you. We are
29 going to fight on this issue. We are going to continue to make the calls, and if
30 Congressman Jackson can be of any further assistance, the Village should not hesitate
31 whatsoever to contact him. Administrator Mekarski stated that our Board, and our
32 community, needs to reach out to his office and thank him for some strong leadership on
33 Economic Development for the south suburbs.

34
35 Trustee Pennington stated that we should not lose sight of the fact that in the event this
36 does not come to fruition, the Village needs to make sure that the remaining businesses in
37 that mall maintain and obtain our support to stay. He stated that should Jewel-Osco leave,
38 that is our anchor store in that particular area. He stated that we don't know if the
39 remaining businesses have a Lease Contract tied to the Jewel-Osco. He stated that we
40 have to keep them in mind and make sure that we don't experience a domino effect
41 coming out of this situation. Trustee Pennington stated that we need to work on that as
42 well.

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is why we included Centro Properties in our
45 meetings because they do manage that plaza, and we certainly want them on board
46 working with us to support those other businesses in that plaza.

1 Trustee Ormsby stated that we have our strong McDonald's there. She stated that it is one
2 of the busiest and well-run McDonald's. There is always a stream of cars there. They are
3 a good citizen.

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5 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that McDonald's is a good citizen.

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7 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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9 **Outdoor Restaurant Seating for Geo Soul – Food and Alcoholic Beverage Sales –**

10 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that at the last Board Meeting the question about
11 outdoor restaurant seating at Geo Soul came up. Administrator Mekarski did the research
12 on what the Village President as the Liquor Commissioner would need to do, and what
13 the Board would need to do to have outdoor restaurant seating at Geo Soul. There is a
14 Memorandum in the Board Packet from Administrator Mekarski. In addition, there is a
15 Memorandum from the Village Attorney, Judy Kolman, with her suggestions for some
16 parameters in the event the Board does authorize the Village President to issue that type
17 of Special Liquor Permit.

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin believes that it is necessary for the Board to include that
20 if any of the guidelines are violated by this establishment, that the Village President
21 would have the authority to temporarily suspend that Temporary License. She stated that
22 the other issue that came up was the issue of smoking. There is a Clean Air Act that
23 requires that no smoking take place within 15-feet of a door. She stated that is something
24 that the Village would also want to address in the guidelines.

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26 Trustee Pennington stated that he had another item that he wanted to add. He stated that
27 given the area where Geo Soul is, the Village may want to limit the number of tables and
28 seats. The bullet point regarding access to the area, Trustee Pennington stated that he
29 doesn't see that happening at this particular location. The bullet point states "Access to
30 the area should be limited to entrances ..."

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32 Administrator Mekarski stated that the area could be enclosed with decorative landscape
33 bricks and decorative landscape timbers enclosing the area off from the parking lot and
34 the sidewalk, with the exception of allowing an aisle space for pedestrians to walk on the
35 sidewalk without stepping over the curb. There are two-doors to the restaurant. One is the
36 main entrance. The outdoor seating area is 15-feet away from that door. There is a
37 separate door that goes for ingress and egress from the old catering area of Burgundy
38 Bistro. That door would be the exit and entrance area for the outdoor seating from the
39 Cabaret to that area. He stated that way you have a controlled entrance and exit so that
40 you don't have people buying an alcoholic beverage at Bizios and then having a seat next
41 door.

42
43 Trustee Pennington stated that the Village should also look at the possibility of creating
44 additional liability not only to the Village, but to the Bizios Brothers in their position of
45 ownership. He stated that is their problem, but certainly from the standpoint of liability

1 for sitting out in this area, the Village should look at any potential liability issues. He
2 suggested getting IRMA involved in that too.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that we could have an additional condition possibly for a
5 hold harmless or naming the Village and the Bizios Brothers as an additional insured per
6 the recommendations of IRMA.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that these are recommendations from the Village
9 Attorney. The Village Attorney got those from other Ordinances from other towns that
10 have similar outdoor seating. The Village can add to it or amend any of the things that
11 she has in here.

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13 Trustee Nale inquired if it would be up to Bizios to provide that liability. Administrator
14 Mekarski stated that you could have Geo Soul name both the Bizios Brothers and the
15 Village as an additional insured. The Village could also specify a Hold Harmless Clause.
16 He stated that won't eliminate liability exposure to the Village or the Bizios Brothers, but
17 that manages the risk to the Village and to the Bizios Brothers by having the Hold
18 Harmless Clause and naming the Village as an additional insured.

19
20 Trustee Ormsby stated that she agrees with Trustee Pennington on the third bullet point
21 that states: "The perimeter of the outdoor seating should be enclosed." Trustee Ormsby
22 inquired if that could be changed to "The perimeter of the outdoor seating should be
23 defined." She stated that "enclosed" is a completely different concept than "defined."
24 Village President Meyers-Martin stated okay.

25
26 Administrator Mekarski stated if the Board goes forward with this, it authorizes the
27 Village President which is also by Ordinance the Village's Liquor Control Commissioner
28 to issue a Permit. It is a requirement for the Village President/Liquor Control
29 Commissioner to make sure that everything is in order before she signs it. If the Village
30 President is not satisfied with the information from the insurance company, or from the
31 Building Department about the enclosure, or anything else, the Village President does not
32 have to sign that. He stated that this is totally a privilege, it is not a right. He stated that
33 we will take your general comments, and we will go through the Minutes and make sure
34 that they are all met to the satisfaction of the Liquor Control Commissioner. There will be
35 a proviso that if any of the guidelines are violated, the Liquor Control Commissioner can
36 suspend and/or revoke the License. He stated that if the Board wishes, these items would
37 be incorporated into the Ordinance. He stated that we can present that to the Board at the
38 Board Meeting on August 22nd. This would be available for all future restaurants for
39 outdoor seating for the next calendar year. This would only be a Temporary Permit for
40 this year.

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1 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Village's**
2 **Liquor Commissioner to issue a Special Liquor Permit for the calendar year ending**
3 **December 31, 2011, to Geo Soul; authorizing them the ability to conduct outdoor**
4 **restaurant table service including the sale of alcoholic beverages, with specifications**
5 **as outlined in Judy Kolman's Memorandum dated July 7, 2011, and also additions**
6 **provided by the Board.**

7 **Roll Call:**

Ayes (5-0)

Motion Carried.

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9 **Tolentine Park – Update and Follow-up Report** – Village President Meyers-Martin
10 stated that there is a Memorandum in the Board Packet regarding an update on the
11 Tolentine Park. Village President Meyers-Martin and Trustee Ormsby met with the Park
12 District Board President, Tim Bradford, regarding some of the concerns that the Village
13 has regarding the Tolentine Park. She asked Trustee Ormsby to provide an overview of
14 that meeting to the Board.

15
16 Trustee Ormsby stated that they met last week with Tim Bradford. They do have serious
17 issues that they are looking at. Mr. Bradford is relatively new to the project. Trustee
18 Ormsby stated that they are going to try to get a meeting as quickly as possible with
19 Denise Will so that the Park District can understand some of the issues that are important
20 to the Village. The Village has some safety issues. The Village doesn't understand the
21 scope of the park.

22
23 Trustee Ormsby stated that it was a very good first meeting. She believes that the Village
24 should have a construction update for every Board Meeting. She stated that no one has
25 been working on the park for the last couple of weeks and she isn't sure why. She stated
26 that construction has stopped. She thought that the Village could get a construction
27 update through John McDonnell. She stated that the Village needs to know what is going
28 on there all the time. She doesn't believe that will be an issue. She thought that they
29 should continually meet with the Park District so that the Village can stay on top of the
30 project. The Park District wants input from the Village. The Village wants to work with
31 the Park District.

32
33 Village President Meyers-Martin was encouraged by the meeting. She stated that there
34 will be a meeting with the Village's Engineering Firm and the Park District's
35 Engineering Firm, because there were some misunderstandings and some
36 miscommunications that were provided to the Village that the Village was unaware of
37 until the eleventh hour. That meeting will go forward so that everyone will be on the
38 same page as far as the park goes. She stated that at the end of the day it is suppose to be
39 to the benefit of the residents. She stated that we want that to be a smooth operation with
40 everyone's input and all of the t's crossed and all of the i's dotted.

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42 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Trustee Ormsby for participating in that
43 meeting with her. She looks forward to future meetings with Park District Board
44 President Tim Bradford.

1 **Meeting with Governor Quinn** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Governor
2 Quinn did take time to meet with the South Suburban Mayors. There is a Gaming Bill
3 that they want the Governor to sign. She doesn't believe that the Governor is totally
4 enthusiastic about it. However, the general consensus among the Mayors was that they
5 want the Governor to sign the Gaming Bill. There were many discussions about the
6 governance of that, and that License that could potentially end up in the south suburbs,
7 and the difference between a Racino as opposed to a Casino, which is the ability for race
8 tracks to have slot machines as opposed to a Casino. All of those details have to be
9 worked out. Most of the Mayors were on board with the Gaming Bill. The Governor is
10 looking for input from residents. She stated that regardless of how you feel about gaming,
11 she hopes that residents would contact the Governor's Office and let them know how
12 they feel.

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14 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Governor is on board with the third
15 airport. The Governor feels that with the remap of the Legislative Districts that we may
16 be able to get a little more traction in the third airport.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Mayor Don DeGraff spearheads the
19 Southeast Service Line. Mayor DeGraff has been instrumental in moving that forward.
20 She stated that hopefully we will see some progress with that.

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22 Trustee Pennington stated that it is all about seeking funds. He stated that once the
23 funding mechanism has been identified, and the sources of revenue, which is all subject
24 to what the Federal Transportation Agency decides to do, once they have distributed their
25 funds to the various lines then they will know with more clarity how the Southeast Line is
26 going to develop. Trustee Pennington stated that he is in full favor of it. It is something
27 that we need. He is addressing the Southeast Service Line at the Metra Board. They have
28 a meeting on July 15th. It is his goal as part of the Financial Policies and Procedures
29 Committee to have funds earmarked directly from RTA Subsidy to the Southeast Line.
30 They don't know whether or not they will be able to do that. He will be championing that
31 particular initiative because we do need that on the southeast side of this region.

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33 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Governor is in favor of the I-57/I-294
34 Interchange and he is moving forward with that project. She believes that interchange
35 will bring a lot of access to the south suburban area. She stated that it is very rare to have
36 two Interstate Highways with no access to each other.

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38 **“Build One America”** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Village of
39 Olympia Fields was invited to participate at the White House with “Build One America.”
40 They have extended that to Municipalities across the country. The criteria are that you are
41 what they are now calling “first suburbs,” older suburbs to discuss sustainability and
42 challenges to Economic Development. The Special Assistant to the President, Valerie
43 Jarrett, will be there as well as Ray LaHood who is the Secretary of Transportation. She
44 is looking at that in terms of participation because she believes that it will be very
45 beneficial to the Village because we have to keep in mind sustainability, and her baby is

1 Economic Development. She believes that we have to be aware of the strategies and the
2 options that are open to this Village.

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4 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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6 **Request from The Community Campaign for Educational Excellence for usage of
7 the Olympia Fields Conference Center, and a Request from the Olympia Fields
8 Woman’s Club for usage of the Olympia Fields Conference Center - Village**

9 President Meyers-Martin stated that she would like a Motion to Suspend the Rules to
10 allow Helen Burleson to come up and speak under Unfinished Business. Administrator
11 Mekarski stated that Lola Proulx wanted to address the Board. Trustee Ormsby stated that
12 she thought that she could speak for Lola.

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14 Dr. Helen Burleson stated that at a meeting in June she requested the use of the Old
15 Village Hall for an Enrichment Program. She stated that she was awaiting a response.

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17 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Board had requested that there were two things
18 that the Village would need to address before the Village can release the Old Village
19 Hall. The Village had to determine if the Old Village Hall Board Room or Conference
20 Room would be available for the Saturday sessions. Dr. Burleson had changed the target
21 date from a summer session to a September session. Dr. Burleson will have to meet with
22 staff to see if the Village can accommodate her. He stated that if there is a conflict, the
23 Village would have to determine if the Board Room in the new Village Hall would be
24 available. He stated that it is dependent upon the number of individuals that will be
25 attending the program. He stated that we know that we have a handful of conflicts for the
26 Old Village Hall. If Dr. Burleson only has six to eight-students, they could be in the
27 Conference Room at the Old Village Hall. If there are 20 to 30-students they would have
28 to move them to the new Village Hall Board Room and make arrangements with the
29 police department to let them in on a Saturday, and then they would have to contact the
30 police department when they are ready to leave the building.

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32 Administrator Mekarski suggested to the Village President that during the summer recess
33 she delegate this to an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Trustee Gibson and Trustee
34 Ormsby to look at this request, and the request from the Olympia Fields Woman’s Club,
35 and then ultimately allow the Administration to issue the Permits accordingly consistent
36 with the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations to the Village Administrator.

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38 Dr. Burleson stated that Gladys provided her with the dates. She stated that we have to
39 know what we can do on those dates when the Old Village Hall is not available. She
40 stated that we have to work that out.

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42 Administrator Mekarski stated that we can provide this room if there is no objection by
43 the Board. He stated that we would need to coordinate with the police department to have
44 the building opened and to close the building. He stated that we will probably have to
45 make an administrative condition that the premises are clean in either location.

1 Trustee Ormsby stated that we also agreed that we had to speak with the Village Attorney
2 since there would be students to find out what the Village's liability would be.

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4 Dr. Burleson stated that we are not a school. She stated that we are just providing
5 enrichment.

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7 Trustee Ormsby stated that it may make a difference to the Village Attorney how we go
8 about that.

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10 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired if these are ongoing classes throughout the
11 entire year. Dr. Burleson stated every Saturday.

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13 Administrator Mekarski stated that this is something that does not require the Board
14 legislatively to rule on it. The Village President can forward it for the Village
15 Administrator to address. Administrator Mekarski requested a Trustee Committee to
16 work with Dr. Burleson and Lola Proulx to work out the details, and then we can issue a
17 Permit for the Old Village Hall for the Woman's Club and for the Educational
18 Enrichment. There was a recommendation from the Educational Commission for the full
19 support of the Enrichment Program and for the Board to grant leniency. The Educational
20 Commission supported the waiver of the fee because it is consistent with their mission.
21 The Woman's Club had asked that the fee be waived as well.

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23 Trustee Ormsby requested that Dr. Burleson provide a bullet point of what she is going to
24 offer, and the hours, so that the Village Attorney can look at it. They would want her to
25 be present at that meeting. Once she prepares a bullet point of what she is going to offer,
26 and the hours, they can get that to the Village Attorney.

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28 Trustee Ormsby stated that Lola Proulx is asking for 11-meetings with her Woman's
29 Club and she is asking for a waiver of the fees which we may not be able to do, but we
30 may be able to give some kind of break which then has to come back to the Board for
31 approval. Trustee Ormsby stated that Cindy Saenz has been out of town. She will
32 probably meet with Cindy next week. Trustee Ormsby stated that Lola Proulx would have
33 to meet with her and Trustee Gibson so that they can understand her meeting situation
34 too. Lola Proulx thanked Trustee Ormsby.

35 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver that the Village President**
36 **refer both matters to the Village Administrator to allow the Village Administrator**
37 **to work with the Ad Hoc Committee composed of Trustee Gibson and Trustee**
38 **Ormsby in working out the details and issuing a Permit accordingly per the**
39 **recommendations of our Trustee Liaisons.**

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41 Administrator Mekarski stated that this would allow them to work with the two citizen
42 groups in a timely manner because both require some sense of immediacy for
43 advertisement for the educational enrichment activities.

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

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1 Administrator Mekarski stated that he appreciates that vote of confidence to the Village
2 Administrator and the Trustee Liaisons.

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4 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to go back into regular
5 session.**

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

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8 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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10 **COJ Family Life Center Church – Auto/Motorcycle Show for Saturday, September
11 10, 2011, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
12 we have a request from the COJ Family Life Center Church to conduct an
13 Auto/Motorcycle Show on Saturday, September 10th. Administrator Mekarski stated that
14 Reverend Hinkle is present this evening from the Cathedral of Joy.

15 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Pennington to suspend the rules in order
16 for Reverend Hinkle to address the Board.**

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

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this sounds like a wonderful event. She
20 stated that you are expecting between 200 and 300-people. The event will take place in
21 the parking lot. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Reverend Hinkle if he had a
22 plan for where people attending the event would park. She felt that with that number of
23 people attending, that there should be some interaction with Chief Chudwin regarding
24 traffic management.

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26 Reverend Hinkle stated certainly. They will have a diagram of the entire property in
27 terms of where things would take place. He would like to work with the Village to see
28 what is most appropriate. This is their first event. A local Mayor approached them and
29 indicated that they had an event like this in their City. That Mayor stated that it would be
30 a good opportunity for exposure, as well as a fundraiser for the church. He knows that
31 their predecessors have had large events on that property, especially when the Golf
32 Outing took place at the U.S. Open, they used that property for parking and they had
33 outdoor activities. He stated that when we saw this opportunity, it was a good opportunity
34 for exposure for us. The Mayor of Harvey is working directly with them because they
35 have the expertise in planning these kinds of events and having the traffic flow. He would
36 like to meet with Chief Chudwin to see what would be the best way to do it. Village
37 President Meyers-Martin stated that she certainly suggests that.

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39 Trustee Pennington inquired of Reverend Hinkle if they would be insured for this event.
40 Reverend Hinkle stated absolutely. He stated that they will talk with their insurance
41 carrier. He stated that if there is anything that the Village requires of them they will be
42 happy to make sure that the Village has that. Trustee Pennington stated that the Village
43 would need to be named as an additional insured on your policy, or if you decide to
44 purchase Event Insurance the Village would want to be named as an additional insured on
45 the Event Insurance. Reverend Hinkle stated that he would make a note of that and get an
46 answer to the Village within two-days.

