



1 House so that they could visit with the students, staff, and parents to see what was going on in  
2 the school. They came to the school the next day. They spent the morning visiting with the  
3 teachers and the students.  
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5 Mrs. Ransford stated that two days later they called and informed her that Arcadia is one of four  
6 schools in the United States that is receiving the “Dispelling the Myth Award” out of  
7 Washington, D.C. They have been giving the award for 10-years. Illinois has never had a school  
8 that has won this. Arcadia is the first school in Illinois to win this award. They have many  
9 researchers that look at statistics. Mrs. Ransford stated that they did nothing to get ready for  
10 them. Mrs. Ransford and three staff members went to Baltimore to receive the award. They were  
11 there for their convention. Mrs. Ransford stated that we are very, very excited. (There was a  
12 round of applause and a standing ovation).  
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14 Mrs. Ransford stated that she and her husband, Don, have lived in the Village forever. Their  
15 children have gone through the schools. They are committed to the Village. They will do  
16 anything for them. She believes that the school speaks for itself. It is the people in the  
17 community, not just Olympia Fields but the communities that they represent across the south  
18 side. She is pleased that they have the Village’s support and they are very grateful for it. Mrs.  
19 Ransford stated that they have another banner that would hang very nicely in the Board Room.  
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21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was very pleased and proud to be invited to the  
22 school to celebrate the fact that they had received that award. She is disappointed that it did not  
23 get the coverage that it should have received in terms of being the only Illinois School ever to  
24 receive that award. That should have been plastered all over the Daily Southtown, Patch, and the  
25 suburban news. It was not. She stated that we continue to fight that battle to be respected and to  
26 be recognized for our accomplishments. Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mrs. Ransford  
27 for coming this evening and making that public that they received that award. She stated we  
28 congratulate you and we commend you for all of the hard work that goes on at the Arcadia  
29 School, the teachers, the staff, the students, and the parents. It takes all of them to make that a  
30 successful venture. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you certainly have accomplished  
31 that at Arcadia and we thank you for leading the charge. There were members of the public in the  
32 audience; however no one wished to address the Board. Village President Meyers-Martin closed  
33 Communications and Petitions at 7:13 P.M.  
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35 **FINANCE:**

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37 Trustee Byrd stated that he did not have a Formal Report this evening.  
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39 **BUILDING:**

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41 Trustee Hudson stated that she did not have a Formal Report this evening.  
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43 **PLANNING:**

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45 **Educational Commission Annual Report** – Trustee Oliver stated that in your Board Packet  
46 there is a clip of three items. The components include the Activities of the Educational  
47 Commission of Olympia Fields; the Annual Report; as well as the Addendums or Brochures of  
48 the Mini Grants and the College Readiness Activities which we have discussed in some detail

1 during some of our meetings. Trustee Oliver stated in our audience tonight is one of the author's  
2 of the Annual Report. Trustee Oliver asked Ilene Waite to speak to everyone about the Annual  
3 Report.

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5 Mrs. Ilene Waite is a Commissioner on the Educational Commission. Mrs. Waite stated that she  
6 did the same thing as she did last year. There is a little over a page of the actual report. Attached  
7 to the Annual Report are details of things. Mrs. Waite stated for the benefit of the audience that  
8 the Educational Commission has been in existence for about nine-years. The Commission  
9 struggled the first few years figuring out what it was the Commission was suppose to do. Mrs.  
10 Waite stated that she is so happy to be here for Mrs. Ransford's presentation because that was  
11 one of the first things that we discovered was that the Elementary District was doing a fine job.  
12 When we started trying to figure out what was going on in the high school, we discovered it  
13 wasn't so fine. The Commissioners and/or a representative have been attending the School Board  
14 Meetings for District 227 because that is where the Commission sees the problems.

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16 Mrs. Waite stated that one of the Commission's accomplishments is that they have attended  
17 those meetings. It wasn't just Mrs. Waite. Other people have attended them too. She stated that  
18 you can put sd227rich in a Google. That will take you to the Rich Township Website. You can  
19 find the recordings of the School Board Meetings and you can sit and watch what is going on. It  
20 is interesting and unlike anything she has ever seen before.

21  
22 Mrs. Waite stated that the Commission did an outreach this year. A couple of the Commissioners  
23 went to South Holland to their Educational Commission. They requested that members of the  
24 Olympia Fields Educational Commission come and talk about what they do. They are at the  
25 beginning and trying to figure out what they can do.

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27 Mrs. Waite stated that we had our Mini Grant Program this year. They are given to individual  
28 teachers who apply for something special that they want to do that they need something extra for.  
29 The Commission was proud to give out 12 Mini Grants this year. The details are listed as part of  
30 the Annual Report and they are also listed on the Educational Commission's Website.

31  
32 Mrs. Waite stated that we had the College and Career Symposium on May 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a  
33 successful event this year just like it was last year. She included a couple of pictures. It is  
34 directed at Junior High Students to get them thinking in terms of college and careers.

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36 Mrs. Waite stated that the Commission continues to support the Southland College Prep Charter  
37 High School. The Commission is planning on preparing another Report Card document. The  
38 Commission is also working on an Educational Commission Newsletter. It will be through the  
39 same company that does the Village's Newsletter.

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41 Administrator Mekarski stated that as Chairman Pro Tem of the Educational Commission he  
42 wanted to thank Mrs. Waite for her countless hours on working on a lot of these programs. She  
43 has been instrumental in making the Educational Commission a success. The hours that she put  
44 in monitoring the District 227 School Board Meetings cannot be understated. Those meetings  
45 were going on sometimes for three to four-hours. There were a lot of frustrating sessions. The  
46 Annual Report that Trustee Byrd and other Trustees have been anxious for a number of years  
47 about getting on a regular basis, has really been spearheaded by Mrs. Waite and volunteers that  
48 assist her. We couldn't do it without her.

1 Mrs. Waite stated that we couldn't do it without Faith, our faithful secretary. Trustee Oliver  
2 stated "Here, Here" to you both. (There was a round of applause).

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to echo Administrator Mekarski's  
5 sentiments. She thanked Mrs. Waite at the very least for attending the School Board Meetings on  
6 a regular basis. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that when she has attended them you  
7 almost feel like you are going to have a nervous breakdown because it is such a chaotic  
8 experience. There doesn't seem to be any decorum. There doesn't seem to be any rules in place  
9 for the way that the Board interacts with each other, and the way the audience interacts with the  
10 Board. She commended Mrs. Waite for attending the meetings. Village President Meyers-Martin  
11 thanked Mrs. Waite for the Annual Report. She stated that the Educational Commission is  
12 committed to making some in-roads in the Educational System in the Village.

13  
14 Trustee Oliver stated that we have two positions open on the Educational Commission. He stated  
15 that if there are any members of the audience, or people that you would like to recommend we  
16 would certainly like to entertain that.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she did recommend somebody. She is going to  
19 follow-up with that individual.

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21 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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23 In Trustee Waite's absence, his report was moved on the Agenda to "Report of Village  
24 President."

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26 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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28 **Executive Safety Committee Report** - Trustee Nale stated that the Executive Safety Committee  
29 met on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Nale stated that Cindy Saenz presented the latest Activity Report.  
30 Trustee Nale asked for suggestions for in-service recommendations. Some of them included a  
31 Seminar on "Ethics and Honesty;" "Sensitivity Training;" "Customer Service;" "Emergency  
32 Evacuation;" "Yearly CPR Review;" and "The Use and Update of the Elliptical Equipment."

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34 Trustee Nale stated that we discussed updating the Employee Manual. It continues to be a  
35 priority. Administrator Mekarski will be involved due to the fact that we need to accommodate  
36 the Police Union Contract.

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38 Trustee Nale stated that other items discussed included: Evaluations; Merit Raises; and Banking  
39 Sick Days. Chief Krull advised that HALO Officers should be contacted by the Presidents of the  
40 Homeowners Associations if there are concerns within the Homeowners Associations. Mr. Alexa  
41 stated that the turning lanes at the intersection of Olympian Way and Route 30 are to be redone  
42 this summer. There have been some problems as far as which lanes to get into and when to turn.

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44 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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46 **Recognition – Detective Corporal Mark Akiyama** - Trustee Gibson stated that she has three  
47 items on the Agenda. She stated that two items are information only and the third one is an  
48 authorization where there is a proposed Motion.

1 Trustee Gibson stated that the first item is to recognize Detective Corporal Mark Akiyama. The  
2 Police Chief received a “thank you” letter from Joanne Mitchell at 20 Graymoor Lane in  
3 reference to the actions of Detective Corporal Mark Akiyama.

4  
5 Detective Corporal Mark Akiyama investigated a home repair fraud involving Mrs. Mitchell.  
6 During the course of the investigation, Detective Corporal Akiyama was able to identify, locate  
7 and successfully apprehend the offenders. The offenders had taken more than \$7,500.00 in  
8 deposits from Mrs. Mitchell and had no intention of doing any of the work which they had  
9 promised to do.

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11 Detective Corporal Akiyama, working with the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office and the  
12 Illinois Attorney General’s Office was able to secure restitution from the offenders, and the  
13 deposits Mrs. Mitchell had paid were returned.

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15 Mrs. Mitchell was kind enough to have a pizza and salad lunch delivered for Detective Corporal  
16 Akiyama and the entire Police Department shortly after that.

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18 Trustee Gibson stated that we all should recognize Detective Corporal Akiyama for his  
19 wonderful duties and commend him for his actions. A copy of the letter from Mrs. Mitchell is in  
20 the Board Packet. The letter from Mrs. Mitchell is in Detective Corporal Akiyama’s personnel  
21 folder.

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23 **Traffic Safety Challenge Award – Corporal Don Dean** – Trustee Gibson stated that Chief  
24 Krull received a notification letter from Director Scott Kristiansen of the Illinois Traffic Safety  
25 Challenge in June regarding Corporal Don Dean. Corporal Dean was selected as one of this  
26 year’s Municipal Police Winners of the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge which is called  
27 “Looking Beyond the Safety Belt Award.”

28  
29 Corporal Dean was nominated for the award because of his actions on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He initiated a  
30 traffic stop on a vehicle due to the driver not wearing his seat belt. During the course of the  
31 traffic stop, Corporal Dean learned the vehicle had a fraudulent Indiana Temporary Registration  
32 Sticker. Further investigation revealed the vehicle’s VIN Number had been changed and the  
33 vehicle was re-registered at least four times. Ultimately it was learned the vehicle was an active  
34 steal out of Joliet, Illinois, which was reported stolen and was repainted in July of 2010.

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36 Because of the actions and initiative demonstrated by Corporal Dean during this incident, the  
37 offender was arrested and charged with multiple traffic, registration and criminal violations  
38 which resulted in the recovery of a stolen vehicle.

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40 Corporal Dean will be recognized at the Illinois Chiefs of Police statewide Traffic Safety Awards  
41 Luncheon during the Illinois Police and Security Expo in Tinley Park on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

42  
43 Trustee Gibson stated that we should all commend him when we see him and give him kudos for  
44 the wonderful work that he has done.

45  
46 Village President Meyers-Martin stated congratulations to Corporal Mark Akiyama and Corporal  
47 Don Dean for their hard work and commitment to the Village of Olympia Fields.  
48 (There was a round of applause).

1 **Authorization for the Village President to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding between**  
2 **the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the**  
3 **Village of Olympia Fields** – Trustee Gibson stated that the third item that she has is a proposed  
4 Motion to authorize the Village President to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the  
5 Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Village of  
6 Olympia Fields.

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8 Trustee Gibson stated that Olympia Fields has partnered with the Cook County Department of  
9 Homeland Security and Emergency Management for training, asset management and resource  
10 allocation for the last five-years. This partnership includes the soon to be completed Cook  
11 County All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

12  
13 The Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management have elected  
14 to make their equipment and other resources available to Municipalities in Cook County in the  
15 event of a natural or man-made disaster. Examples of these resources include, but are not limited  
16 to heavy equipment and machinery, temporary lighting, emergency generators, and a mobile  
17 command center. In order to utilize these resources, a Memorandum of Understanding is  
18 required. The Memorandum of Understanding will be kept on file and will save precious time if  
19 and when Cook County Department of Homeland Security resources are needed by our Village.

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21 The Memorandum of Understanding between the Cook County Department of Homeland  
22 Security and the Village has been reviewed and approved by our attorney.

23  
24 The resources and assets available through this Memorandum of Understanding with the Cook  
25 County Department of Homeland Security will provide access to vital resources and logistical  
26 support in the event of a disaster or other emergency which would otherwise be unavailable or  
27 not cost effective to maintain on our own.

28 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to authorize the Village President to sign**  
29 **a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cook County Department of Homeland**  
30 **Security and Emergency Management and the Village of Olympia Fields.**

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

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33 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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35 **Authorization from the Village President and the Board of Trustees for the Building**  
36 **Commissioner to begin Negotiations of a Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless for the**  
37 **Installation of an Antenna Array on the trunk of the Water Tower located on Lincoln**  
38 **Highway** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the first item is the authorization from the Village  
39 President and the Board of Trustees for the Building Commissioner to begin negotiations of a  
40 Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless for the installation of an Antenna Array on the trunk of  
41 the Water Tower located on Lincoln Highway. Administrator Mekarski stated that Building  
42 Commissioner McDonnell negotiates all the Antenna Leases on behalf of the Administration.  
43 We have a financial opportunity, but it does have some aesthetic considerations. Administrator  
44 Mekarski asked Mr. McDonnell to summarize the pros and cons.

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46 Mr. McDonnell stated that a company contacted him representing Verizon Wireless. They would  
47 like to locate an antenna array on the Lincoln Highway Water Tower. The reason he is bringing  
48 this to the Board in this manner is because the Village has never had an inquiry of an Antenna

1 Array System to be put on the underside of the water tower. Generally, they like to locate on top  
2 of the water tower because higher is better for them. In this situation, higher is not better for  
3 them. These are considered In-Fill Antenna Systems that bounce signals back and forth to each  
4 other. The issue that he sees with this Antenna System is that it may be unsightly to some people.  
5 They are in plain view. Mr. McDonnell provided the Board with a photograph. The antennas that  
6 are on top of the water tower you generally don't even notice.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Mr. McDonnell to speak to the fact that they may have  
9 the capability to put a collar around the unsightly wires, and that would sort of mitigate some of  
10 that ugliness.

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12 Mr. McDonnell stated they have to go back to Verizon Wireless and the engineering firm that  
13 designs the systems to see if that would even be possible. Mr. McDonnell provided a photograph  
14 to the Board of an Antenna System that does have a shroud type panel around the antenna so that  
15 you do not see the actual individual antennas and the cabling that comes underneath those  
16 systems. They aren't sure if their engineering capabilities would be okay with that shroud on it or  
17 not. They have to go to the engineers to find that out. That is a possible option.

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19 Administrator Mekarski stated that the example that Mr. McDonnell passed out is a double  
20 shroud. We would be looking at a single shroud located just under the ball of the tank.

21  
22 Mr. McDonnell stated that there are possible revenues for this type of Antenna System for the  
23 Village. He stated that with the antenna providers that are on the Village's water towers the  
24 Village gets anywhere from \$27,000.00 to \$33,000.00 per year, per Array System. That is a  
25 revenue place for the Village and the Village doesn't have to do anything.

26  
27 Trustee Oliver inquired of Mr. McDonnell whether or not Verizon Wireless is already on the top  
28 of the water tower. Mr. McDonnell stated that they are not. Trustee Oliver inquired of Mr.  
29 McDonnell whether or not Verizon is the only one that is going to this sort of system.

30  
31 Mr. McDonnell stated no. It was explained to him that it is just an in-fill. There must be some  
32 residents in the area that have a lot of Verizon coverage and they are not getting a great signal. It  
33 is a boosting system to fill-in those small areas where they are having signal problems and a lot  
34 of complaints.

35  
36 Trustee Oliver stated hypothetically there could be other carriers that might need a tower with a  
37 design similar to this. Mr. McDonnell stated that is correct. He stated right now we have two  
38 systems up there, Sprint and T-Mobile. There are many other carriers that could possibly go to  
39 that type of system. In reviewing photographs online, he saw a water tower that had five antenna  
40 arrays on the underside of the bulb. They call the top of it the "bulb." They had it on top and  
41 underneath.

42  
43 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she believes that T-Mobile is the Stealth Tower that  
44 we have. All of their circuitry is inside the bulb and not outside. Mr. McDonnell stated yes, that  
45 is at the Irons Oaks site. T-Mobile is on both of the Village's water towers. Verizon is not on any  
46 of them.

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1 Trustee Byrd stated that he finds it kind of unsightly. The revenue would be good, but it is very  
2 unsightly. He hasn't seen one with a collar. Trustee Byrd inquired of Mr. McDonnell if he knew  
3 where they could view one with a collar.  
4

5 Mr. McDonnell stated that he doesn't think there is one locally. Administrator Mekarski stated  
6 that the photograph shows one in Waterford, Michigan. He stated that there is one that was  
7 installed in West Bloomfield, Michigan. It was in a residential area much like Maynegaite. It was  
8 next to some very expensive homes. The Board in West Bloomfield had the same debate about  
9 aesthetics. They convinced the company to put the donut shroud on it. The residents were quite  
10 pleased with it. It was painted to match the tank. It was a good trade-off. There were never any  
11 complaints from the residents. It looks much better than it does with that double donut. The  
12 single donut doesn't look that bad.  
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14 Trustee Gibson stated that Verizon is growing and growing. She stated that for those of us that  
15 have Verizon she would like to see this happen because there are sections, little spots within the  
16 Village where you lose service.  
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18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Motion is to either approve or to terminate  
19 negotiations with Verizon, to find out what specifically would be the revenue because we just  
20 have a ballpark figure.  
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22 Mr. McDonnell stated that they did offer a price which is half of what our current carriers are  
23 offering us now. That is just their first offer. If there was a no way vote that we don't want this  
24 on our tower whatsoever, he didn't want to take his time and the Village Attorney's time to  
25 negotiate because it is a very lengthy process. It is a long contract. It takes a lot of his time and  
26 the Village Attorney's time to negotiate that contract. That is all paid for by the carrier. The  
27 Village does not pay for any of that upfront. The Village gets that money upfront for them to pay  
28 for it.  
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30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that as part of negotiations it would be discovering what  
31 they would really offer in terms of revenue, and to find out if this technology would be available  
32 on that tower. Mr. McDonnell stated that is correct.

33 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve further negotiations with**  
34 **Verizon Wireless, for location of an Antenna Array located on the trunk of the East Water**  
35 **Tower located at Lincoln Highway.**

36 **Roll Call:                      Ayes (5-0)    Motion Carried.**  
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38 **Annexation Petition to annex the property south of the current Advocate Health Care**  
39 **Facility at the south west corner of Crawford and Vollmer Road for referral to the**  
40 **Planning and Zoning Commission for Zoning Reclassification** – Administrator Mekarski  
41 stated that the next item gives us a lot of excitement because it is something that we have been  
42 waiting for since its inception. He stated that Trustee Gibson will remember it was around 2006  
43 she was on the Planning Commission in the development of the Midwest Physicians which is  
44 now the Advocate. He stated that from day one they have had a parking problem. The parking  
45 problem resulted with customers trying to park at the Speedway and the BP Gas Station across  
46 the street. They went into valet parking. They double-park to their maximum capacity and line  
47 up cars on the entrance which is a safety hazard. They have an arrangement with Speedway and  
48 putting cars over there and going back and forth over a busy highway.



1 They were negotiating for years with the western property going towards Matteson and had  
2 secured a tentative agreement. Unfortunately, there was a death involved in the estate and the  
3 family didn't realize that negotiations were going on. The family sold it to another purchaser and  
4 not Advocate. They began negotiations on the southern property that is on Crawford Avenue  
5 south of the site. They were able to secure a lease to 2022, not ownership. They are asking for  
6 annexation into the Village. The annexation would require three to four legal approvals, an  
7 Annexation Ordinance; an Annexation Agreement; a Plat of Annexation; and a Zoning  
8 Classification. The Zoning Classification is required because under the existing Code when the  
9 Village Board considers an annexation, it automatically by Code goes to an R-1 Residential  
10 Zone. They would like to have a Commercial Zone consistent with their commercial designation.  
11 They are currently in a B-2. We could not suggest to the Board consideration of a B-2 because of  
12 the ownership issue. It will be leased and not owned. A stand alone parking lot can only be  
13 allowed in the B-4 Zone. The Building Commissioner spoke with the Village Attorney, and we  
14 would be recommending a classification of B-4.

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16 Administrator Mekarski stated that you have a Motion before you to accept this Petition. The  
17 Petition is represented in the Memo and it is represented in the Minutes. The property owner will  
18 be forthcoming with formal letters signed by the Petitioner. The Public Hearing is scheduled for  
19 the August Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. They will be giving recommendations on  
20 the annexation itself and the Plat of Annexation.

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22 Trustee Gibson inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin that since the property is in Rich  
23 Township is there anything that we have to do with Rich Township in order to annex this  
24 property in the Village of Olympia Fields.

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26 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is considered unincorporated Cook County. The Village  
27 Attorney indicated that there was no special Notice to be given to Rich Township or Cook  
28 County that is a unilateral decision by the Board, provided the Village goes through the Public  
29 Hearing requirements. There is a Public Hearing requirement for Plat consideration as well as for  
30 the rezoning at the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the recommendation on the  
31 Annexation. Then there is the Public Hearing required for the Board for the Annexation  
32 Ordinance and Agreement. There will be two Public Hearings but no special process.

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34 Trustee Gibson stated that she is assuming that the owner of the property does not intend to build  
35 anything on that property. Administrator Mekarski stated that is correct. He stated that the B-4  
36 Zoning, there will be no curb cuts for this parking lot. Administrator Mekarski asked Mr.  
37 McDonnell to outline what uses are allowed in a B-4.

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39 Mr. McDonnell stated that there will be no access to this parking lot from Crawford Avenue.  
40 They will have to come into the curb cut that already exists on their existing property. The only  
41 things that can be located on a B-4 property that would concern the Village are banks and other  
42 medical facilities just like what is already there. The B-4 option gives us that stand alone parking  
43 lot connection because they are not the property owners. If they were to outright buy that  
44 property we would automatically make it a B-2 because it would become part of that existing lot.  
45 Trustee Gibson stated that answers her question. She stated that we have been going through this  
46 for a couple of years now. It sounds good to her.

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1 Trustee Nale inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not they would be allowed  
2 to put up any signs in that parking lot.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that landscaping and all of those other requirements  
5 would take part once we have the Public Hearings.

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7 Mr. McDonnell stated that they would have to include a buffer fence like they would with any  
8 other commercial property, just like what they already have there. They would have to relocate it  
9 to the south side of the new, leased property that they are going to enter into an Agreement with.

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11 Trustee Nale stated that she wouldn't want anything that would not be appropriate for that area to  
12 be used as fencing.

13  
14 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we would have final approval of anything that they  
15 want to put there. Mr. McDonnell stated that we do.

16  
17 Administrator Mekarski stated that it would go through the full Site Plan Review Process that we  
18 have established by Ordinance.

19 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Hudson to accept the Annexation Petition to**  
20 **annex the property, south of the current Advocate Health Care facility at the south west**  
21 **corner of Crawford and Vollmer Road; and refer the Petition to the Planning and Zoning**  
22 **Commission for a Zoning Hearing, allowing the Petitioner to annex the property and**  
23 **establish the zoning as a B-4 Zoning Classification instead of an R-1 classification, as stated**  
24 **in Ordinance 22-130 (a) and (b).**

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

26  
27 **Army Corps of Engineers Section 219 Grant for the Graymoor Sewer Lateral Project –**  
28 **Approval of Local Match - \$166,667.00** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the next item is  
29 an item that is a follow-up from an Agreement that the Board entered into at its last meeting. The  
30 Board authorized the Village President to accept \$500,000.00 from the U.S. Army Corps of  
31 Engineers to subsidize our Graymoor Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. This is a formal  
32 letter that came from the Corps of Engineers requesting that we wire the local match which is  
33 \$166,667.00 in non-Federal Funds. We have those funds encumbered from the 2.1 Million  
34 Dollar Sewer Rehabilitation Bond that we went out for the Graymoor Lateral Project. With the  
35 issuance of the \$166,667.00, the Corps will begin the process with their engineers to go out and  
36 Bid, and the Village will be able to complete the Sanitary Sewer Project for both the Corps  
37 component which is the public right-of-way, and the Village's component which is the laterals  
38 all the way to the house level. This will go a long way towards meeting our MWRD  
39 requirements, our IEPA requirements, and our EPA requirements, essentially eliminating  
40 infiltration and inflow that is impacting the Graymoor Sanitary Sewer Tributary.

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42 Administrator Mekarski stated that he should acknowledge that when Trustee Pennington was on  
43 the Board in the capacity as Trustee Byrd, Trustee Pennington was involved with the  
44 negotiations on this Grant request, not only in his capacity as a Trustee, but also with his  
45 involvement with the Graymoor Subdivision. This Grant was made possible largely because of  
46 the efforts of Congresswoman Kelly.

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1 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the Finance Department to**  
2 **issue a check in the amount of \$166,667.00 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as Local**  
3 **Match for the \$500,000.00 Cook County infrastructure Section 219 Grant, received for the**  
4 **Village's Graymoor Sanitary Sewer Lateral Rehabilitation Project; from the Village 2.1**  
5 **Million Dollar, General Obligation/Alternate Revenue Source, Series 2012 B, Sewer Lining**  
6 **Project, Bond Funds.**

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

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9 **Consideration to accept the Donation of Land located at 20801 Oak Lane – PIN Number**  
10 **31-23-101-030** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the last item on his report is an opportunity  
11 to consider the acceptance of a donation of vacant land located south of Lot 20801 Oak Lane,  
12 PIN Number 31-23-101-030. This was property that was currently owned by Dr. Osorio. Dr.  
13 Osorio owned two lots. The lot that had the assessment of 20811 which has a debt service share  
14 of \$7,094.00 was the property that was sold by the Osorio's to another couple. They wish not to  
15 carry the empty lot as part of the purchase. The Osorio's still own the lot adjacent to that which  
16 is PIN Number 31-23-101-030. They are offering it to the Village for a donation. As a non-  
17 taxable entity, the debt service that is associated with the 15-year payment which has been  
18 assessed at approximately \$922.00 a year, the rolls would be spread by the remaining parties.  
19 There are 12 remaining residents. There were 13 lots involved. The \$922.00 annually would be  
20 picked up by their neighbors. It wouldn't impact the Village if the Village accepted the donation.  
21 If we decided not to do it and we offered it to the Parks and Recreation District, they wouldn't be  
22 impacted by the assessment. Neither party would pay the property tax associated. Administrator  
23 Mekarski included the tax assessment for the tax year 2013.

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25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she would like some input from the Trustees  
26 regarding this donation.

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28 Trustee Oliver stated that regardless of who takes over that property, the \$922.00 annual fee  
29 would be absorbed by the other 12 residents. Trustee Oliver inquired whether or not they have  
30 been notified or if there have been any discussions with them.

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32 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have not notified them of that process. This is at the  
33 beginning stages. The Osorio's made a phone call. We had to research how this affects the SSA.  
34 We did an outreach to the Park and Recreation District. They may be interested in it for a pocket  
35 park. Administrator Mekarski indicated to them that it was going to be presented to the Village  
36 Board first because it was offered to the Village.

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38 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the bigger question is what if nobody wants it.  
39 Administrator Mekarski stated that if nobody wants it the Osorio's would continue to pay the  
40 taxes and the Special Assessment, and/or abandon it and then the property would be up for sale  
41 on a Tax Sale.

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43 Trustee Oliver inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not the property is large enough to  
44 build on.

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46 Trustee Byrd inquired of Administrator Mekarski what the annual cost is to the Village for the  
47 upkeep of that property.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is 33,000 square feet. Administrator Mekarski  
2 stated that we haven't made any kind of assessment in terms of cost of maintenance of the  
3 property. Mr. McDonnell has a number of lawn service companies that he currently operates  
4 with. He could ask them to give some quotes. He stated that the Trustees could table this until the  
5 August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting so that the Trustees can drive down and look at the property. If the Board  
6 wishes, we can offer it to the Park and Recreation District for consideration.  
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8 Trustee Byrd stated that he would like to see the property before making a decision. He believes  
9 that the 12 residents should be informed.  
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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that from what he understands from Richard Gibb it is a beautiful  
12 property and it could be an asset for the neighborhood. The residents are pleased with that street  
13 being a public street and being maintained by the Village especially after this past winter. The  
14 cost of snowplowing and salting would have been tremendous.  
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16 Trustee Gibson stated that the only expense that we would incur as a Village would be the  
17 upkeep of the weeds, the trees, and whatever is there. Village President Meyers-Martin stated the  
18 mowing. Administrator Mekarski stated and the insurance liability. The insurance liability would  
19 be minimal because we carry a tremendous amount of insurance liability on the public right-of-  
20 way and so on and so forth.  
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22 Mr. McDonnell stated that it appears that the lot would be a buildable lot, although a very small  
23 lot for this Village. It appears to have a 100-foot frontage.  
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25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you have the ability to table this until we get some  
26 of those figures and reach out to the Park District to see if there is any interest on their part.  
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28 Trustee Gibson stated that she believes that we need to consult with the other residents. She  
29 inquired what if the other residents decide they don't want to pay that additional amount.  
30 Administrator Mekarski stated that we can forward this Memorandum to them. Trustee Gibson  
31 stated that she has been by there. She believes it is a nice piece of property. It would be good for  
32 the Village. She doesn't know what the Park District might do with it since they are financially  
33 unable to do some things to the parks that they already have.  
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35 Trustee Byrd stated that he thought it would be a great idea. You need to let the residents over  
36 there know what is going to go on with it. Regardless of what happens to it they have to absorb  
37 the cost. They should be made aware of it.  
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39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Osorio's could put it up for sale. Administrator  
40 Mekarski stated yes. Administrator Mekarski inquired of Mr. McDonnell whether or not he knew  
41 what the minimum square footage is in that area for a house or the frontage for that District.  
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43 Mr. McDonnell stated that he doesn't know off the top of his head because they are all different  
44 throughout the Village. He stated that if the Village did take the property we would have to  
45 continue to cut the lawn and take care of the property.  
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47 Trustee Nale stated that she thought the Board needed more information before it made any  
48 decision.

1 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Hudson to table this until the Board has more**  
2 **information.**

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4 Trustee Hudson would like the other residents to be notified. Village President Meyers-Martin  
5 would like to know whether or not there is any interest from the Park District. Trustee Oliver  
6 stated that he would like to visually look at the property. He would like some ideas as to what the  
7 Village would do with it. Mr. McDonnell will obtain quotes on what it would cost to maintain  
8 the property. Administrator Mekarski and Mr. McDonnell will look at the zoning and the  
9 buildable status.

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

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12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will table this until our August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Board  
13 Meeting.

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15 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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17 **Injury to Lola Proulx** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that one of our residents, Lola  
18 Proulx, is called out when there are stray dogs in the area. Lola has assisted the Village with  
19 anything from a dog, a cat, a squirrel and rabbits. She has been doing it for 38-years. Lola is a  
20 wonderful, wonderful person. Unfortunately, she was severely injured yesterday by a dog that  
21 she was trying to get under control. She was taken to St. James Hospital. St. James transferred  
22 her to the Trauma Center at Christ Hospital in Chicago. Village President Meyers-Martin asked  
23 everyone to keep Lola in their prayers and in their thoughts. She was having emergency surgery  
24 today. She spoke with Lola this morning. She was in good spirits considering what she had been  
25 through.

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27 Trustee Gibson stated that she spoke with Lola and with Ernie on two occasions because we have  
28 to take care of him too because he is not well. Trustee Gibson is going to take him dinner on a  
29 couple of nights. She stated that as nice as they are to everybody, it certainly behooves us to help  
30 him.

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32 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted everybody in the audience to know  
33 about it and to keep Lola in their prayers.

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35 Administrator Mekarski stated that as our Animal Control Officer we did have a special Rider on  
36 the Village's Insurance to cover liability, accident and injury. Lola has expressed that she has  
37 adequate health care and Medicare. He wanted to let the Board know that that policy was  
38 maintained. We may need to exercise that.

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40 Trustee Byrd believes that she is probably covered under Workmen's Comp but we can talk later  
41 about that.

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43 **Emergency Storm Debris Removal Progress** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she  
44 is giving an update on the emergency storm debris removal. She stated that even with her  
45 message, there were people that did not do what they were suppose to do within the timeframe.  
46 We are now in day six of debris removal. It was a very slow going process. The Village  
47 President and Administrator Mekarski drove the Village on Monday. Village President Meyers-  
48 Martin was there when they met with the contractors. They all got maps of the areas they were

1 suppose to cover. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that just chipping that debris was a  
2 slow process. They were at some homes 45-minutes just chipping. If they filled the truck up they  
3 had to go and empty it and come back. Some people complained about how long it took for the  
4 Village to get to their house and chip the material. They tried to go to the hardest hit areas first.  
5 That was Arcadia.

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that as of today, we are 85% completed of the hardest hit  
8 areas both on the east side and the west side. They started on the west side on Monday. On  
9 Tuesday they went to the east side. On Wednesday they came back to the west side so that  
10 residents would know that they were out picking up debris. At this point we are 65% completed  
11 of the entire Village with 35% remaining. We have released the contractors at this point. Public  
12 Works is out working. Public Works has been severely affected. They have two staff members  
13 out so they are working at a disadvantage. They are down two laborers so they only have a total  
14 of six. Along with picking up debris, they still have to continue with grass cutting, road work,  
15 and water and sewer maintenance. They will have to fit in that debris pickup with their normal  
16 duties, which could take at a minimum another 10-days for them to get through the 35%  
17 remaining work that is yet to be done. The Department of Public Works was out for five-days  
18 with a single chipping crew. That was supplemented by the four independent contractors. The  
19 cost to the Village which was unbudgeted, but unexpected, was \$9,000.00 a day per contractor. It  
20 was a total of \$45,000.00 for the five-days work.

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that on the map we have listed what areas were covered  
23 on what day. Mr. Alexa received a report from the contractors in terms of productivity of how  
24 much area was covered by each contractor per day. You can see where they went on each day.  
25 The Department of Public Works will be out chipping the debris of the remaining Village for a  
26 minimum of two-weeks. The larger debris was taken to Route 30 and Western to the Joe  
27 Salamone property. They will have to bring in a contractor to haul away those bigger limbs.

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we specifically said that you needed to have that  
30 material out on Monday and Tuesday. If the crew came down your street and picked up, and you  
31 put out things after they had been down that street, they could not come back to your street for 30  
32 to 45-days. That was the point of saying that so many times that you needed to have everything  
33 out by Monday or Tuesday. It made double work for them if once they had been down a street  
34 they had to come back in a short period of time. We will look at what they are able to accomplish  
35 going forward. If it becomes a slow process, we may have to revisit a contractor. At this point  
36 the Department of Public Works is on the scene along with their other duties.

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38 Administrator Mekarski stated that you can see on the map how much area was covered. Today  
39 it is the Department of Public Works crew with one chipper and one truck. It is a two to three  
40 man crew. You can see how little of an area was covered by just the one crew.

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42 Administrator Mekarski stated that if President Preckwinkle gives a Disaster Declaration, and if  
43 the Governor signs the Disaster Declaration, the Village would be in a position to get FEMA  
44 reimbursement. That could be 65%, 75% from historic events. That process is still undetermined.  
45 This is an unbudgeted item. We are trying to be prudent. But we are also trying to be fiscally  
46 shrewd about it. He stated that two more days at 80-hours with the five contractors we could  
47 probably knock it out in two days. It would cost \$18,000.00 for the two additional days. It is  
48 \$2,225.00 per contractor. That is the Board's alternative. We spent \$45,000.00. The Board can

1 issue a directive for us to spend an additional \$18,000.00 hoping that we get a Disaster  
2 Declaration, 65% reimbursement and finish up in two-days, or let Public Works do it and two-  
3 weeks is the minimum to get it done.  
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5 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that if it is declared a disaster area we could be  
6 reimbursed up to 65% of the monies that we have spent. We have reached out to the South  
7 Suburban Mayors & Managers Association. We have reached out to President Preckwinkle's  
8 Office. You have to begin at the County. Representative Al Riley was at "Coffee with the  
9 President" on Saturday. He indicated that it is also on the Governor's desk to declare it a disaster  
10 area as well. According to Representative Riley there were nine, F1 storms that came through  
11 that night between Cook and Will County. It was not a pretty picture. Matteson was hit harder  
12 than us. They had mature Oak Trees that came out of the ground with grass still on the roots. It  
13 was a very, very bad storm. She invited the audience members to feel free to look at the map.  
14 She stated that if you drive by and see stumps at the curb that is because no chipper could handle  
15 that. That is why we said 10-inches or less in terms of the diameter of the debris.  
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17 Trustee Hudson inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not there are any  
18 exceptions to say a person was on vacation and when they arrived at home there was all this  
19 debris there. It was not where you asked it to be because they were not here to do it.  
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21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are sensitive to individual situations and  
22 circumstances. They need to let us know. At the homes where debris was put out after they had  
23 gone down that street, Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Ford went to the homeowner to explain so that  
24 they knew that the Village didn't ignore them but they had been down that street already. If  
25 somebody was on vacation they need to call the Village and let us know. The Village Hall didn't  
26 have phone service for several days.  
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28 Mr. McDonnell stated that they should call the Department of Public Works Office or the offices  
29 at Village Hall and let us know their situation.  
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31 Trustee Byrd stated that most of Olympia Fields East has been picked up. He knows that some  
32 people set stuff out later but he saw a truck over there today picking up debris.  
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34 Administrator Mekarski stated that he wanted to compliment our entire Administrative Team.  
35 They pretty much suspended normal operations. Mr. McDonnell, Reginald Ford our Code  
36 Enforcement Officer, Chief Krull, everybody rolled up their sleeves and assisted in emergency  
37 operations. We couldn't have achieved through the monitoring of damage, and finding a site, and  
38 securing insurance, and coordinating the Bids with contractors without the entire team rolling up  
39 their sleeves and getting it accomplished. He wants the Board to acknowledge that you have a  
40 great team with you.  
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42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated absolutely. Trustee Oliver stated "Here, Here."  
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44 **"Coffee with the Village President"** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she had  
45 "Coffee with the Village President" on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McDonnell was her Department  
46 Head. Representative Al Riley was with us. He talked about things going on in the District. He  
47 talked about the storm. He talked about some of the things going on with the Governor's Office.  
48 She stated that we covered a huge amount of information that day. It was raining cats and dogs.

1 She stated considering that the weather was so bad, we had more people than ever. That was the  
2 one time we didn't have as many donuts and we didn't have as much coffee. She stated that it  
3 was 10:30 A.M. and no one wanted to leave. Everybody was still chatting. It was a lot of fun.  
4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she loves those mornings. Village President Meyers-  
5 Martin thanked Trustee Nale for joining us that day.

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that on August 9<sup>th</sup> she will have State Senator Toi  
8 Hutchinson sitting with her from 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

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10 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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12 **To approve the request for a Variance to Chapter 22, Article VI, Section 22-365(5) – 20311**  
13 **Harding Avenue** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have a Motion to approve  
14 the request for a Variance. The resident was here at our last Board Meeting. She was asking for a  
15 Variance to have a six-foot fence at the property on Harding. The Memo is in the Board Packet.  
16 We had agreed to table it until this meeting.

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18 Trustee Oliver stated that he had an opportunity to speak with Mrs. Scanlon. Due to the storms  
19 and power outages, she wishes to come back to Mr. McDonnell with a revised hardship letter to  
20 support her claim for the fence before the Board makes a decision. If it is okay with the Board  
21 she would like to table this until the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

22 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Hudson to table this until the August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
23 **Board Meeting in order for the Petitioner to come back to John McDonnell with a revised**  
24 **hardship letter to support her claim for the fence.**

25 **Voice Vote: Ayes (3) No (2) (Trustee Gibson and**  
26 **Trustee Byrd voted No). Motion Carried.**

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28 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will table this until the resident has the  
29 opportunity to speak with John McDonnell.

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31 Trustee Gibson stated that the reason she opposed that as well as the last time is because she has  
32 been by the house. It appears to her that this request is primarily for privacy from neighbors. If  
33 the main idea is that she needs rest because of the noise, she suggests that there is a better way to  
34 get rest in your home without noise rather than surrounding yourself with a six-foot fence. You  
35 can easily sound proof your bedroom. The biggest sound that is coming into her house from  
36 there is the train. A sound proof bedroom would take care of that. The street that the house is on,  
37 there couldn't be a lot of traffic on the street. She understands if Mrs. Scanlon is not able to sleep  
38 in the daytime and she works at night, and she needs the sleep so she can be fit and ready for  
39 work. She just needs to sound proof her bedroom. That would be a simple thing. Trustee Gibson  
40 stated that she could not ever vote for a Variance for a Sign Ordinance that we worked the last  
41 two-years on to try to keep from having Variances. She stated that we think we did a good job.

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43 Trustee Hudson stated that she just likes to give the resident the opportunity to say what they  
44 need to say. She agrees with Trustee Gibson that there are better ways. She stated that she  
45 doesn't know what Mrs. Scanlon is planning to bring to Mr. McDonnell that would make a  
46 difference. She would like to give the resident the opportunity to bring it if she feels that it is  
47 good enough.



1 Trustee Byrd stated that the last time we postponed it to today. He stated that his reason for  
2 opposing is you are asking for a fence on one side. The other side is not bothering you. The back  
3 side is not bothering you. He stated has your hardship changed? Why are you bringing another  
4 hardship there? He doesn't understand why there is a different hardship than it was the last time.  
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6 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that your point is taken. However, we have tabled it. We  
7 will allow her to have an additional conversation with John McDonnell, and then we will bring  
8 this back to the Board depending upon when she reaches out to you.  
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10 **Power Outages During the Storm** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she knows  
11 that many people lost power during the storm for many days. We have reached out to our Liaison  
12 at ComEd. Her name is Bonita Parker. We are going to have a conversation with her. It was  
13 brought to the Village President's attention that there are specific areas that always lose power,  
14 not just during a storm. There is a reason for that. It is something that ComEd needs to begin to  
15 address. She has discovered that a lot of times the entity does not know the specifics of the  
16 situation. This will be our opportunity to sit down with Bonita and ComEd and have that  
17 conversation. During the storm we met with a ComEd Representative who lives in town. He did  
18 not have power for three-days. Trustee Hudson stated she was without power for five-days.  
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20 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it shows that there are some things that are totally  
21 out of our control. We will work with ComEd to make sure that it is known. If you have ComEd  
22 issues you should call Administrator Mekarski and let him know what they are as it is related to  
23 your subdivision or where you live, so that we will be able to have that discussion and be  
24 informed about the specifics of the ComEd issues and problems.  
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26 Administrator Mekarski stated that Bonita Parker, our Government Liaison to ComEd, will come  
27 to one of our September Meetings. She will bring a report which lists every single outage from  
28 the previous year and the reason for the outage. She measures the frequency of our outages and  
29 compares them to the entire system. She can pinpoint the length of time of each outage. All of  
30 that has been categorized and detailed. Administrator Mekarski sent out to the Trustees and the  
31 Presidents of the Homeowners Associations the three-months of tree clearing that is going to  
32 continue this year by ComEd. There is a postcard going out to the residents. He stated that is  
33 going to go a long way in protecting us in future storms.  
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35 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we want her to provide some clarity on ComEd's  
36 Smart Grid. They have raised their rates considerably because they were improving that Smart  
37 Grid. We want to know what progress they made with that and how that affects our electricity  
38 and power in the Village. She stated that we will let you know when Bonita will be here.  
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40 **Concern over Construction by Shell Gas Station** - Trustee Oliver stated that he had a  
41 conversation with the Manager or the owner of the Shell Gas Station on Lincoln Highway and  
42 Western Avenue. There has been a great deal of construction down Western Avenue. In the last  
43 couple of weeks if you were driving south on Western and you wanted to go into the gas station  
44 there was a gravel road and they made arrangements for you to go into the station. This past  
45 weekend, there was nothing. You had to go all the way around to the Lincoln Highway side to  
46 gain entrance and exit. He lost about 30% of his business because of all of this. He was trying to  
47 get a hold of someone that could give him some information about how long this construction  
48 might take. He was concerned because his boss, or the owner was there and he had nothing to tell

1 him. Trustee Oliver was wondering if there was something in place that the Village could do, or  
2 could offer to him in terms of what is the timetable that this construction is going to take.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated when we had that first conversation with IDOT at their  
5 offices it was her understanding that work would be completed by the end of the summer. She  
6 hasn't gotten any updates on that that they have been delayed, or that there is anything that  
7 would cause them to go beyond that.

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9 Administrator Mekarski stated that it would definitely be completed this season. It was projected  
10 the end of the summer, mid fall. The rain has impacted some construction activities. He doesn't  
11 know to what extent. He stated that we can contact our engineering representative who is  
12 monitoring the project. Nick Tanglis is the owner. He is asking for a meeting with the Village  
13 President regarding another economic opportunity that he wants the Village President to  
14 evaluate. We can update him on that.

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16 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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18 **Meijer's Moving Forward** – Trustee Hudson stated that it is good to see that the Meijer's  
19 people are moving forward.

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21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is excited that they are coming. It gives an  
22 additional option of shopping for not only Flossmoor, but Olympia Fields and the surrounding  
23 area. She is excited about that.

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25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is excited because there are several stores that  
26 would like to be in the shadow of a Meijer's. The Village may have the opportunity to attract  
27 some of them in spite of the fact that Meijer's has their own outlots. As she was saying on  
28 Saturday at "Coffee with the Village President," with every development there is always a down  
29 side. She stated that a plus always has a minus. The addition of traffic on that road, the addition  
30 of noise, light, and congestion will be something that we will have to mitigate going forward. We  
31 are mindful of that. Part of the solution is to know what the problem is going to be. We are  
32 already preparing for that.

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34 **Slurry on 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Across from St. James** - Administrator Mekarski stated that he wanted  
35 to notify the Village President and the Board that the Director of Public Works and the Building  
36 Commissioner notified him about 3:30 P.M. today of a dangerous situation on 203<sup>rd</sup> Street right  
37 across from St. James Hospital. It appears that farmer's field is pouring a slurry of mud into the  
38 culverts, and the drainage ditches along 203<sup>rd</sup> and into the street. The Department of Public  
39 Works was out with backhoes getting the slurry back into the field. We contacted the Chief  
40 Financial Officer at St. James who is coordinating with their facilities and grounds to contact the  
41 farmer. St. James owns that lot. They lease it out to a farmer. Part of the problem is that the  
42 farmer has been plowing too close to the street right-of-way. They should have been leaving a  
43 good 25-foot buffer. Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Alexa have been recommending sill fences. Those  
44 are going to be installed. If we have another deluge before the culverts are cleaned and the road  
45 is cleaned, it could not only compromise that road for Village residents, but it could compromise  
46 emergency operations with ambulances getting to that site. They have informed St. James about  
47 this. You could have major street flooding. The slurry itself is very dangerous even now. He

1 encouraged any residents that are going back that way to be very careful. You won't see it at  
2 night. The roads are very slick.

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4 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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6 **Appointment – Evelyn Owens to the Beautification Committee** – Village President Meyers-  
7 Martin stated that she has one appointment tonight and that is for Evelyn Owens to the  
8 Beautification Committee. Evelyn is a resident of Graymoor. She would like to join the  
9 Beautification Committee. Currently she is in charge of improving the beautification in  
10 Graymoor and would like to extend her contributions, talents, and dedication to the entire  
11 Village. Her Application is in the Board Packet.

12 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to approve the candidacy of Evelyn**  
13 **Owens to the Village of Olympia Fields Beautification Committee for a term continuing**  
14 **until a new appointment is made by the Village President.**

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

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17 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we congratulate and welcome Evelyn Owens on her  
18 appointment to the Beautification Committee.

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20 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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22 The Board will have an Executive Session Meeting on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, at 6:30 P.M. to  
23 discuss personnel related to the Public Safety Department. Administrator Mekarski will notify  
24 Trustee Waite.

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26 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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28 **Motion by Trustee Hudson, second by Trustee Byrd to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.**

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

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31 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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