

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on August 22, 2011**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 22, 2011, at
6 the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President
7 Debra Meyers-Martin at 7:05 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
8 Administrator Mekarski called the roll.

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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington, Nale and Waite
11 Village President, Debra Meyers-Martin
12 Village Administrator, David Mekarski

13 Absent: None.
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15 **MINUTES:**

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17 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Ormsby to dispense with the reading of**
18 **the Minutes of July 11th, 2011.**

19 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
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21 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the Minutes of July**
22 **11th, 2011, as amended.**

23 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
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25 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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27 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval totaling
28 \$55,347.49. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet stating the more
29 significant amounts.

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31 Trustee Gibson asked for clarification on what the Village is paying Baxter & Woodman
32 for relative to CVS Gateway. Trustee Ormsby stated that is a pass-through. CVS owed
33 that to Baxter & Woodman. Administrator Mekarski stated the \$1,200.00 has been due
34 for almost three-years. He stated that David Shaw has been working to try to secure that
35 from CVS and they finally secured it to Baxter & Woodman. He stated that it has been
36 overdue, and Baxter & Woodman has been patient for way too long.
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38 Trustee Gibson referred to Page 3 of the Detailed Board Report and inquired why Bizios
39 waits so long to submit their bills. She stated that we have bills from the second, third,
40 and fourth month of the last Fiscal Year. Administrator Mekarski stated that he could
41 speak with Mr. McDonnell about it, but he knows that some of these are associated with
42 some events that were held by the “Homes for a Changing Region.” They sent a
43 reimbursement check for portions of this. Trustee Gibson was under the impression that
44 the Village tries to get all the bills paid by the end of the Fiscal Year so that there aren’t
45 any carryovers.
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1 Trustee Pennington stated that all bills should be paid by the end of the Fiscal Year so
2 that there won't be any carryover to the next Fiscal Year. He stated that does need to be
3 looked into.

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5 Trustee Ormsby inquired if there is a reason why the Village's Attorney Fees are so high
6 this month. Trustee Pennington stated that there has been a lot of activity. He stated that
7 this has been an unusual month for John Murphey's Firm. There was a tremendous
8 amount of document review and as a result there is a high bill. Trustee Ormsby inquired
9 of Trustee Pennington if he was surprised by the high bill. Trustee Pennington stated no,
10 that he looks at the bills when he gets them. He goes through each bill line by line to
11 make sure that it is appropriate.

12 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the payment of**
13 **bills for August 22nd, 2011, in the total amount of \$55,347.49.**

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

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16 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:13 P.M.
19 There were members of the public in the audience but no one wished to address the
20 Board. Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:14
21 P.M.

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23 **FINANCE:**

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25 Trustee Pennington stated that he did not have a formal report this evening.

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27 **BUILDING:**

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29 **Tolentine Park – Project Update** – Trustee Ormsby stated that last week we had a
30 meeting with the Park District regarding their new park project across Governors
31 Highway at 207th Street. Denise Will was present. There were representatives there from
32 the architect, landscaper, builder and contractor that are involved in the building of the
33 new park. Tim Bradford, the President of the Park District Board was present.
34 Administrator Mekarski, Trustee Ormsby and Trustee Nale were present at the meeting.
35 Sergeant Scott Morgan from the Olympia Fields Police Department was present at the
36 meeting. Trustee Ormsby requested the meeting with the Village President for an
37 understanding of the layout of the park. Trustee Ormsby stated that her biggest issue is
38 safety.

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40 Trustee Ormsby stated that at the meeting they discussed at length how people are going
41 to get to the park by crossing Governors Highway at 207th Street. There isn't a good
42 solution at this juncture. She stated that everyone agrees that it is a very dangerous
43 crossing. IDOT will be contacted to see if lights can be placed there to slow traffic down.
44 She stated that there is a possibility of having a bike path all the way up to 203rd Street.
45 She doesn't know how logical it is that the people that live on 207th Street will go to 203rd
46 Street to get into the park. Trustee Ormsby stated that we cannot put a streetlight there.

1 The Village cannot make a cross hatch to get across. She stated that until we get a
2 solution she is not very comfortable with the crossing there. The Park District assumes
3 that a lot of people will drive to the park. She stated that we have Arcadia School and if
4 you are taking kids across there that is an issue if you live in that neighborhood. She
5 stated that if you cross anywhere along there, you still have to go across Governors
6 Highway. At this point no one has a solution. There is going to be another meeting to
7 discuss this. The Park District is aware that this is the Village's number one concern.

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9 Trustee Ormsby stated that the good news is that she did get to walk the park. The Park
10 District has a construction meeting every other Thursday. Trustee Ormsby got to walk the
11 park with the architect, the landscaper, and the contractor. Trustee Ormsby stated that it is
12 going to be a wonderful park. It has a wonderful layout. It is very green. They are doing
13 all kinds of things to preserve plantings. They are going to have rain barrels to collect
14 water. It will be a very hands on park. The walking path is beautiful and it meanders back
15 into the pretty Tolentine property. She stated that it is quite a layout. It is pretty amazing.
16 They just forgot the piece of how you actually get into the park. She stated that the park
17 will be a big asset for the community if we can address this.

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19 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Ormsby if the Park District admitted to the fact
20 that they did not put that into their planning. Trustee Ormsby stated no. Trustee
21 Pennington inquired if there was an indication by the engineers or the architects for the
22 project on how the people would get into the park. Trustee Ormsby stated no. Trustee
23 Ormsby stated that Baxter & Woodman are surprised that IDOT let that happen. She
24 stated that even if you get across Governors Highway at 207th Street you go right into the
25 driveway for the park. The driveway will have cars coming in. There isn't a side path that
26 you can get on if you cross Governors Highway at 207th Street and not be in the line of
27 traffic. Trustee Ormsby stated that the Park District's answer is that the park was built for
28 the Tolentine Development. They assumed that it would be a walk-able park. Trustee
29 Ormsby stated that her problem with that is that the Tolentine Development hasn't been
30 on the books for four-years. She stated that it would have been nice if they had revisited
31 that.

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33 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Park District knows how important it is to the Village, and
34 how imperative it is to the Village that they address it. She stated that she walked across
35 Governors Highway at 207th Street. She would not recommend that for anybody to do.

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37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is very scary. She stated that we were there
38 for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and there was no parking available at the site so they
39 had to park at the Old Village Hall. She stated that it was scary trying to cross Governors
40 Highway. Village President Meyers-Martin was at the first meeting with Tim Bradford
41 and Trustee Ormsby where those issues were brought up, and there were some options
42 that were discussed as far as this walkway across Governors Highway. She is aware that
43 Trustee Ormsby has reached out to IDOT regarding changing the speed limit on
44 Governors Highway at 207th Street.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin does not believe that the engineers for the Park District
2 were on top of this project at all regardless that it was originally designed for Tolentine.
3 She stated that there had to be access across Governors Highway for that residential area
4 across the street and that was never taken into consideration. She stated that the Park
5 District is a separate entity from the Village and the Village has no control over their
6 plans. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this is very disappointing to the
7 Village to now be trying to revisit this issue of safety now that ground has been broken
8 and all of this work has been done. It is her intention to continue having these meetings,
9 and to work with the Park District and make the best of a bad situation.

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11 Trustee Ormsby stated that Trustee Nale was at the meeting too. Trustee Ormsby stated
12 that at this point we may have to put a sign stating “You May Not Cross on Foot to This
13 Park.” She stated that you can’t put “Cross at Your Own Risk” because that assumes that
14 you can cross.

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16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she spoke with Chief Chudwin about this.
17 She inquired if the police representative who attended the meeting had any input as far as
18 the crossing issue other than changing it.

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20 Trustee Ormsby stated that she suggested striping the street so that cars would slow down
21 and you could cross the street. Sergeant Morgan had stated that IDOT would never let
22 you do that because that is a bigger danger because traffic will slam into each other. She
23 stated that you can’t put a light there because then you would have to have another lane
24 as a turn lane.

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26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that IDOT has been less than diligent because
27 how did they allow this. The Park District had stated that IDOT had let it go. Trustee
28 Ormsby stated that the Village worked on the egress for CVS for three-years before
29 IDOT agreed to it. Trustee Ormsby stated that this is a park where children are involved.
30 She was very frustrated during the meeting with the Park District. The Park District is
31 aware that the Village’s number one priority is to have a great park, but not to keep
32 people safe getting into it is a huge disappointment.

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34 Trustee Waite suggested putting an overhead bridge there. Trustee Ormsby stated that it
35 will cost about a quarter of a Million Dollars to do that. It has to be ADA accessible at
36 this point so a ramp would have to be placed halfway down 207th Street. She stated unless
37 people go all the way down to 203rd Street and cross on a path that is not built and there is
38 no money for it.

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40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Village must remain vigilant in having
41 the Park District address that issue going forward with this because the possibilities of a
42 tragedy are huge.

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44 Trustee Ormsby stated that the park is a draw already because some of the equipment is
45 up. She stated that there are already people slowing down to look at the park. She stated
46 that if you are coming out of the park and you want to turn left it will be very difficult.

1 She stated it is similar to making a left turn out of 207th Street which is a very difficult
2 left turn. She stated that the Village can move some of that brush way back to make it a
3 cleaner turn. She thought that she could get a little more clearing on the south side of
4 207th Street.

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6 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the speed limit is higher on that section of
7 Governors Highway. She stated that at that juncture the speed limit is 50-miles an hour.

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9 Trustee Ormsby stated that is her turn and you are lucky if they are going 50. She stated
10 people are going 60, 70-miles an hour. She wanted to emphasize that once you get inside
11 the park it is a beautiful park. It is very, very pretty. She suggested that the Village
12 President and the Trustees take a look at the park and walk through it.

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14 Trustee Ormsby stated that you can't walk across if you are on 207th Street on the south
15 side of the street. It is very, very difficult walking up that side. She stated that you have to
16 walk up the north side because if people turn off of Governors Highway and come down
17 you will be hit.

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19 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Ormsby what the next steps are. Trustee Ormsby
20 stated that we are going to try to have a meeting with the same group of people so that the
21 Village President can sit in on a meeting with them before our Team Building Meeting.
22 Trustee Ormsby asked the Park District for a report that she can present at each Board
23 Meeting.

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25 Administrator Mekarski stated that Baxter & Woodman have been directed to ask their
26 Traffic Engineer to look at what the Village can do on Governors Highway in terms of:
27 A. Slowing down traffic, B. Asking IDOT to put some warning lights and signage
28 indicating "Children at Play," "Slow Down" or whatever the case may be. Once the
29 Village receives that correspondence it will be presented to the Board at an upcoming
30 Board Meeting. Administrator Mekarski stated that there is an old bike path that the
31 Village didn't have match for on the books. The Village is going to see if it is still on the
32 books and see if it can be reprogrammed, and see if there is a possibility of putting a bike
33 path going from 207th up to 203rd on the east side of Governors Highway, and crossing at
34 a signalized intersection, and then going down the west side of Governors Highway to the
35 park. It will be cumbersome but it will be safe. Baxter & Woodman has been asked to
36 evaluate that.

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38 Trustee Ormsby stated that she is being more than vigilant. She hopes that they can get
39 some answers before the next meeting. She will have Administrator Mekarski send an e-
40 mail to the Board letting the Trustees know when the next walk-through of the park will
41 be. She stated that once you get there the park is very, very nice inside. It will be a big
42 asset to the community.

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44 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Ormsby if it was still the Park District's plan to
45 open the park in October. Trustee Ormsby stated that she doesn't think that they will
46 meet that date. Administrator Mekarski stated the spring of next year.

1 Trustee Ormsby stated that she addressed the fact there is now climbing equipment on the
2 site and that people will start walking over there. Trustee Ormsby advised the Park
3 District that they have to make sure that people are aware that the park is not open. The
4 Park District agreed that was a good idea and they will get some signage up. The police
5 do not want to close off the entrance into the park because they want to be able to drive in
6 there to make sure it is safe.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the police should do extra patrolling of that
9 area because in spite of the signs people tend to do what they want to do. The Village will
10 ask the police to exercise due diligence there. Trustee Ormsby stated that is a good point.

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12 Trustee Waite inquired if the Village should put signs up saying “Park Closed.” “No
13 Admittance.” Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village doesn’t have jurisdiction
14 over the Park District.

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16 Trustee Gibson inquired of Trustee Ormsby if the park is going to be mainly a Water
17 Park. Trustee Ormsby stated no. There is a big planting in the middle in the shape of a
18 pinwheel. Organizations and people can come in and do plantings. She stated that a piece
19 of it is a Water Park. There is a smaller version of a basketball court. She believes that
20 one of the draws is the walking path that you can walk way back into the park. They have
21 playground equipment there as well. She stated that it is a very natural setting. Trustee
22 Oliver stated that there is a family picnic area. Trustee Gibson inquired if anyone had
23 seen the Water Park that is in Homewood. It is a Splash Park. Trustee Ormsby stated that
24 it is not nearly that big, but it is like that. It is very impressive once you get in there. She
25 stated that you will be surprised at how much land they have. Trustee Ormsby will send
26 an e-mail out to the Board when the next walk-through will be.

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28 **20000 Governors Highway - Demolition of the Former Governor’s Restaurant**

29 **Building Update** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the next item is the structure next door.
30 There is a Memo in the Board Packet from the Building Commissioner, John McDonnell.
31 Mr. McDonnell believes that everything is in order. He believes that the owner will apply
32 for a Demolition Permit from the Village no later than September 9th. Once everything is
33 in it will go very, very quickly.

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35 **Village Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the parking lot
36 at Village Hall is almost done. It is suppose to be finished by August 31st. She stated that
37 it has been a really good project. There have been no surprises. There have not been any
38 glitches so far. It already makes a difference in the look of the building. One of their
39 machines hit the Arbor Tree and knocked it down but Gallagher Asphalt will be replacing
40 it. The project is moving forward.

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42 **PLANNING:**

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44 **Request from the Olympia Fields Park District to utilize the Village of Olympia**
45 **Fields’ Logo for advertisement for the Pumpkin Fest** – Trustee Oliver stated that as
46 the Liaison to the Olympia Fields Park District, the Park District has had a couple of

1 meetings planning for their upcoming Pumpkin Festival to be held on October 1st. The
2 Pumpkin Festival will be held from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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4 Trustee Oliver stated that the Park District would like this to be a joint effort between the
5 Village of Olympia Fields and the Park District. The Park District would like to place the
6 Village's Logo on the banners and fliers that will be going out to the schools and other
7 places to advertise the event. He stated that in the "Fall 2011 Recreation Programs" that
8 the Park District sent to the residents of Olympia Fields, there is an advertisement for the
9 "Sixth Annual Pumpkin Festival." It does show that the Village is a co-sponsor.

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11 Trustee Oliver stated that the Park District would like some volunteers from the Board or
12 from the community as a whole to assist on that day. If anyone would like to have a table
13 at the Pumpkin Fest they could advertise or pass out whatever literature they have at that
14 time. There should be candy at each table for any children that come around. The Park
15 District is asking that the Olympia Fields Police Department be involved as well. He
16 believes that Corporal Dean was the contact person.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Oliver if the Park District had
19 contacted the police directly, or if they were making that request through him. Trustee
20 Oliver stated that he is certain that they will make that request directly to the police. He
21 stated that this is just a heads up on what our discussions have been about.

22 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Waite to authorize the Olympia Fields**
23 **Park District to utilize the Village of Olympia Fields' Logo for advertising purposes**
24 **for the Park District Fall Pumpkin Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 1,**
25 **2011, at 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

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27 Trustee Gibson inquired of Trustee Oliver what actually goes on at this Pumpkin Festival.
28 Trustee Oliver stated that it is pretty much what they have been doing in years past. They
29 have a variety of things. They are going to have hayrides for adults and children. They
30 will have small animals. They will have face painting. They are going to get the kids
31 involved in the activities. There will be a moonwalk or the big, air-filled balloons that the
32 children like to get into. They are going to invite the volunteer organizations around the
33 Village to participate. For example, the Enhancement Organization could have a table at
34 the Pumpkin Festival advertising what their organization does, and they could provide
35 some candy for the children. It is a way for the community to come together and to show
36 the kids a good time.

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38 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she recalls that at one of the Board Meetings,
39 Director Denise Will addressed the Board regarding this event. Village President Meyers-
40 Martin recalls Denise Will saying that this is the most popular fest that they have and it is
41 well-attended. Trustee Oliver stated that they put most of their effort into this particular
42 event. This is their biggest event of the year. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
43 Denise Will had stated that it was her preference that the Village co-sponsors this event.
44 Trustee Oliver stated that he believes the Board had passed, during the Budget Process,
45 some sponsorship money in the amount of \$1,000.00 or something like that for this event.
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1 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Oliver if the event usually lasts six-hours. She stated
2 that seems like a long time. Trustee Oliver stated that he couldn't answer that. The event
3 is always held on a Saturday. The Park District picked October 1st because they thought
4 that they would get the biggest crowd then. When they looked at the calendar for the
5 other weekends there were a lot of other things going on.
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7 Trustee Gibson inquired of Trustee Oliver if the participants have to pay. Trustee Oliver
8 stated no. Trustee Gibson stated that they do have to pay for food. Trustee Oliver stated
9 that there will be food and refreshments at the event. You will pay money for tickets or
10 tokens and then exchange the tickets or tokens for whatever you want to purchase. There
11 is no cost to get into the event.
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13 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Oliver where they want to advertise using the
14 Village's Logo. Trustee Oliver stated that they want to put it on big banners to be placed
15 at various corners throughout the Village. Trustee Ormsby stated that they aren't going to
16 send something out at this late date with the Village Logo on it. Trustee Oliver stated that
17 they may put a flier in the schools, and they may go to the different churches to drop-off
18 a flier.

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

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21 **PUBLIC WORKS:**
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23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that three of the Motions under Trustee Waite's
24 Report are just ratifications of things that the Board has already discussed. There are
25 Memos in the Board Packet regarding those items. She stated that in the essence of time,
26 Trustee Waite could just read the Motions.
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28 Trustee Waite stated that most of these have to do with Waivers of Liens. He stated that
29 the General Contractor has to issue a Waiver of Lien that says that all of the
30 Subcontractors have been paid before the Village will pay the General Contractor. He
31 stated that is what this is all about. Otherwise, the Subcontractor who has not been paid
32 could come back at a later date and have a Lien on the project. That is what the Waiver of
33 Lien means.
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35 **Ratification of Final Payment to Cattaneo Electric Company for work completed in**
36 **connection with the Olympia Woods Pumping Station Odor Control Improvements**
37 **in the amount of \$6,781.00** – Trustee Waite stated that the first Motion is for some
38 electric work at the Pumping Station.

39 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to ratify the approval of the**
40 **Final Waiver of Lien and Invoice #31943 to Cattaneo Electric for work completed in**
41 **connection with the Olympia Woods Pumping Station Odor Control Improvements**
42 **in the amount of \$6,781.00.**

43 **Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**
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45 **Ratification of Final Payment to M&M Home Remodeling Services for work**
46 **completed in connection with the Olympia Woods Pumping Station Odor Control**

1 **Improvements in the amount of \$3,000.00** – Trustee Waite stated that the next one is
2 for another contractor dealing with the same Pumping Station and Odor Control
3 Improvements. He stated that this is actually for the roof that was on the Pumping
4 Station.

5 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to ratify the approval of the**
6 **Final Waiver of Lien and Invoice #68008 to M&M Home Remodeling Services for**
7 **work completed in connection with the Olympia Woods Pumping Station Odor**
8 **Control Improvements in the amount of \$3,000.00.**

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

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11 **Ratification of Final Payment to PureAir Filtration for work completed in**
12 **connection with the Olympia Woods Pumping Station Odor Control Improvements**
13 **in the amount of \$10,834.00** – Trustee Waite stated that this is for PureAir Filtration to
14 filter the air to filter out the odors.

15 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to ratify the approval of the**
16 **Final Waiver of Lien and Invoice #68008 to PureAir Filtration for work completed**
17 **in connection with the Olympia Woods Pumping Station Odor Control**
18 **Improvements in the amount of \$10,834.00.**

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

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21 **Recommendation for Partial Waiver of Lien and Payment Request #3 to Hy-Power**
22 **Electric Company for work completed in connection with the Lift Station Standby**
23 **Generator Improvements Project in the amount of \$120,575.00** – Trustee Waite
24 stated that the next one pertains to the Standby Generator Improvements. It is a Partial
25 Waiver of Lien for a partial payment.

26 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to accept the**
27 **recommendation from Robinson Engineering dated August 8, 2011, (Project #09-**
28 **295.02); Recommendation for a Partial Waiver of Lien and Payment Request #3 to**
29 **Hy-Power Electric Company for work completed in connection with the Lift Station**
30 **Standby Generator Improvements Project in the amount of \$120,575.00.**

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

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33 **Recommendation for a Partial Waiver of Lien and Payment Request #4 to Hy-**
34 **Power Electric Company for work completed in connection with the Lift Station**
35 **Standby Generator Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,392.30** – Trustee
36 Waite stated that the next one is another Partial Waiver of Lien, Payment Request #4 to
37 Hy-Power Electric Company pertaining to the Lift Station Standby Generator
38 Improvements Project.

39 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to accept the**
40 **recommendation from Robinson Engineering dated August 8, 2011, (Project #10-**
41 **406); Recommendation for a Partial Waiver of Lien and Payment Request #4 to Hy-**
42 **Power Electric Company for work completed in connection with the Lift Station**
43 **Standby Generator Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,392.30.**

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

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1 **Purchase of a New Dump Truck with Snowplow and Salt Spreader** – Trustee Waite
2 stated that we are going to purchase a new Dump Truck with a Salt Spreader and trade-in
3 the old one. The cost is not to exceed \$102,669.00 which includes the trade-in of the
4 Village’s old Dump Truck.

5 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Director**
6 **of Public Works to purchase a 2012 International Dump Truck with snowplow and**
7 **salt spreader, State Order Number 225684, waiving the provisions of Section 2-163**
8 **of the Village of Olympia Fields Code of Ordinances and accepting the purchase**
9 **price as set forth by State Contract not to exceed \$102,669.00.**

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11 Trustee Pennington stated that since this is going through the State Purchase Program, the
12 Village is realizing significant savings by going through that program, as opposed to
13 buying that same vehicle on the open market. He stated that this is a good purchase.

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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this was something that the Board did
16 approve during the Budget Process. The Village is now receiving a windfall in the actual
17 cost that it has ended up to be.

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

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20 **Consent Agenda** - Trustee Pennington made a recommendation that going forward when
21 we have items of this magnitude on our Agenda, regardless as to who is presenting, if we
22 can just have a Consent Agenda on those specific items if they are the same. He stated
23 that way we wouldn’t have to go into a whole lot of detail in terms of spelling out what it
24 is for. The Board has the material before it. The Board is aware that it is essentially the
25 same type with a little variance in terms of cost prices. Rather than just read each of
26 them, the Board just has a Consent Agenda and the Board just passes the Consent Agenda
27 and then moves on with the General Agenda. He stated that it is a just a thought going
28 forward to save time.

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30 Administrator Mekarski stated that if the Board wants to consider that, it would be in
31 your authority. It is considered as a part of your Board Rules and Regulations. He stated
32 that if the Board wants to consider that, it should be added to the next Agenda in order to
33 modify the Board Rules and Regulations, essentially our Policies and Procedures to
34 afford a Consent Agenda. He stated that a Consent Agenda does provide a lot of
35 efficiencies and effectiveness in moving the Agenda because you can call for one Motion
36 to approve the Consent Agenda. When the Village President opens up the meeting, if a
37 Trustee is concerned about having an item discussed that is on the Consent Agenda, the
38 Trustee would inform the Village President what item they would like to remove from the
39 Consent Agenda. The item is then removed from the Consent Agenda and the rest of the
40 Consent Agenda can be approved in one procedure. Administrator Mekarski stated that if
41 the Board is interested, we should draft up a Modification of Rules and Procedures, and
42 place it on the Agenda. The Board can have a deliberation on it, and the Board can then
43 take a formal vote on it. Once it is approved by the Board, the Consent Agenda can be
44 done at subsequent meetings.

1 Trustee Pennington stated that only assumes that we will have the same type of items. He
2 stated that we won't have that in all cases. He has had matters that came up, and they
3 were numerous, and the Board could have used a Consent Agenda to deal with that.
4 He stated that it is just a way in which the Board can move the Agenda along and save
5 time.

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7 It was the consensus of the Board that they would like to consider this for the next Board
8 Meeting. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will place it on our next Board
9 Agenda.

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11 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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13 **Amendment to the Employee Personnel Manual – Employee Identification Badges –**
14 Trustee Nale stated that the first amendment is to the Employee Handbook regarding ID
15 Badges. She previously brought this to the Board's attention at the July 11th Board
16 Meeting. After that meeting, there were some revisions to it. The revisions were provided
17 in the Board Packet.

18 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to adopt the attached "Photo**
19 **Identification" and "Name Tag" Policy and incorporating the said Policy into the**
20 **Village's Employee Personnel Manual.**

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

22
23 **Amendment to the Village's Policy & Procedures – Adoption of Identity Protection**
24 **Policy (Referral to the Human Resource Committee) –** Trustee Nale stated that the
25 second amendment is to the Identity Protection Policy that was drafted by the Village's
26 Legal Advisor, Peter Coblentz. The amendment is consistent with the new State Law in
27 which revisions must be adopted by July 1st of 2012.

28 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve the Village of**
29 **Olympia Fields Identity Protection Policy as prepared by the Village's Legal**
30 **Advisor, Peter Coblentz; dated April 5, 2011.**

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

32
33 Trustee Nale thanked Administrator Mekarski for putting forth a great deal of effort into
34 the new Identification Policy. She stated that there are really two items involved, it is the
35 Photo ID and it is the Identification Tag that the Clerks of all departments will be
36 wearing.

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38 Administrator Mekarski wanted to acknowledge Trustee Nale who spent a considerable
39 amount of time meeting with the Staff. She took their suggestions, ideas and concerns
40 and worked with the Human Resource Committee and refined it in keeping with what he
41 believes is good for the Board and good for the employees.

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43 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Trustee Nale for her hard work on this
44 particular item. She stated that it has been something of a concern for a while.
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1 Trustee Ormsby stated that she had suggested at the prior meeting that when vendors
2 come into the Village Hall and have a meeting with us, or if it is a Committee Member
3 that they should sign-in and sign out. Trustee Nale stated that she discussed that with
4 Cindy Saenz, and Cindy did not have any problem with that. The people that come in that
5 we know well would not require a special name tag. Trustee Nale stated that Cindy
6 agreed that would be fine to have them sign-in and sign out. Trustee Ormsby stated that
7 whenever she goes on site in any building she is required to put the time that she comes
8 in and the time that she leaves. Trustee Nale stated that she did bring that to Cindy's
9 attention and Cindy had no problem instructing her staff to do so. Trustee Ormsby stated
10 that there are so many people moving in and out of our back space sometimes that she
11 believes it would be a good idea to do that.

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13 Trustee Nale stated that she spoke to the Clerks that are involved and how their safety has
14 to be considered in something like that. Trustee Ormsby stated exactly. She stated that
15 she is required to do that in almost every building that she is in. It is just a notebook and
16 you sign-in and you sign out. Trustee Nale stated that she agreed. Trustee Ormsby stated
17 that she appreciated it.

18
19 Trustee Waite stated that there is a lot of discussion about the handling of Social Security
20 Numbers in this document. He is assuming that anybody's Social Security Number that
21 the Village collects, that the Village has a Privacy Policy, or some kind of a program to
22 protect the Social Security Numbers.

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24 Trustee Nale stated that if you read through the Policy it is included in there. He inquired
25 if the Village has something going on right now.

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27 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have a Policy that is on the books. This revises it
28 and updates it. Administrator Mekarski will send this copy with the existing Policy, and
29 ask the Village Attorney to see what sections need to be omitted and what sections from
30 the old Code should be retained. Trustee Waite inquired if we protect those files now and
31 going forward. Administrator Mekarski stated that is correct.

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33 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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35 **Ordinance #2011-16 – An Ordinance declaring certain property surplus and**
36 **authorizing its sale and Disposition – First and Second Reading** – Trustee Gibson
37 stated that she has only one item on the Agenda this evening. One of the reasons why this
38 is necessary is because in undertaking the reconstruction of the Village's Parking Lot; the
39 Village had to move some of the items that the police had collected over the years. They
40 are mostly old bicycles. The Village did not have too many places to store those old
41 bicycles except outside. They have gotten pretty rusted and they are of no value, or of
42 minimal value. Trustee Gibson stated that we do have to declare that these items are
43 surplus and authorize the Administration to offer them for sale.

44 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Oliver to adopt Ordinance**
45 **#2011-16 – An Ordinance declaring certain property surplus and authorizing its**
46 **sale and disposition.**

1 Trustee Waite inquired if we should change “sale and disposition” to “sale or
2 disposition.” He stated that you might not be able to sell something and you want to
3 dispose of it. Administrator Mekarski stated that you could do “sale, disposition, or
4 disposal.” Trustee Gibson stated that the Motion states “sale and disposition.” She stated
5 we sell it or dispose of it. She believes that it is clearly stated in the Motion a “sale and
6 disposition.” Trustee Waite stated that the sale is a disposition. He stated that if you are
7 not going to sell it, does it then allow you to then give it away? He stated that if it was
8 “sale or disposition,” then you either sell it or dispose of it. Trustee Gibson stated that in
9 the text it does say “for sale and/or disposal.” She stated that in the Motion it isn’t stated
10 the same. She suggested changing the wording of the Motion to state “sale and/or
11 disposal.”

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13 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Gibson if she would like to amend
14 the Motion. Trustee Gibson stated yes.

15 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Oliver to amend the Motion to say**
16 **adopt Ordinance #2011-16 – An Ordinance declaring certain property surplus and**
17 **authorizing its sale and/or disposal.**

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

19
20 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that was a Motion to amend the original Motion.
21 The Board has to take a vote on the new Motion.

22 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to adopt Ordinance #2011-**
23 **16 – An Ordinance declaring certain property surplus and authorizing its sale**
24 **and/or disposal.**

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

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27 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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29 **SSA#3 Oak Lane Paving – Deleting 20701 Oak Lane (PIN 31-23-101-020) from**
30 **SSA#3** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the first item on the Administrator’s Report
31 is a simple amendment to the PINS that were included in the SSA (Special Service Area)
32 benefit area. Over the past several months Trustee Ormsby and the Village President have
33 been working with the residents that reside on Oak Lane to go through a complete
34 reconstruction program as a Special Service Area, which is essentially a self-imposed tax
35 to upgrade the road to Village’s standards. Oak Lane is one of the Village’s few
36 remaining private roads.

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38 Administrator Mekarski stated that in the legal description we had still identified a lot as
39 part of the benefit area. That lot is on the eastern side of Oak Lane and 207th Street or
40 Scott Drive. If you look at the map you can see that lot carved out now. Their driveway
41 access for that lot exists on 207th Street. There is no benefit to ingress and egress to the
42 proposed Oak Lane reconstruction. The property owner is willing to provide a 30-foot
43 easement to make this road possible. The Village is not going to include them in the
44 Taxing District to pay for the road, due to the fact he is not getting any residual value for
45 the road. He stated that this is an amendment to correct the legal description to keep our
46 public record sound. The Motion was prepared by the Village Attorney.

1 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Pennington to delete the property at**
2 **20701 Oak Lane, PIN Number 31-23-101-020, legally described as Lot 1 in the First**
3 **Addition to Oak Lane Drive Estates, Recorded June 26, 1960 as Document**
4 **17667804, being a subdivision of part of the east half of the northwest quarter of**
5 **Section 23, Township 35 North, Range 13 east of the Third Principal Meridian, in**
6 **Cook County, Illinois, from Special Service Area No. 3, Oak Lane Road**
7 **Reconstruction and Dedication.**

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

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10 **Resolution #2011-09 – A Resolution ratifying the License Agreement with**
11 **Metra -** Administrator Mekarski stated that the next item on the Agenda is a Resolution
12 dealing with the ratification of a Pipeline Easement Agreement with Metra. This was an
13 Easement Agreement that was necessary to accomplish the Village of Olympia
14 Fields/Olympia Fields Country Club Construction Project. He requested that Trustee
15 Pennington present the Motion since he has been working with the Administration to get
16 this accomplished.

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18 Trustee Pennington stated that as many of you know, the Village had to obtain an
19 easement from Metra in order to put through to the Country Club our water main so that
20 the Village could have a hook-up directly to the Olympia Fields Country Club. As a
21 result of that, the Village had an option from Metra to either pay forever or pay a one-
22 time fee of \$55,000.00. He stated that they had a critical timetable to deal with. As a
23 result of that, the Village took immediate action. Trustee Pennington stated that Village
24 President Meyers-Martin was key in this. She agreed to go with the one-time fee rather
25 than pay \$3,500.00 a year in perpetuity. He stated that all of us would have been gone by
26 the time that would have been paid off. The common sense thing to do was pay the one-
27 time fee of \$55,000.00. There was a \$1,500.00 document fee that had to be paid to Metra.
28 Trustee Pennington was successful in getting the paperwork expedited through Metra. He
29 stated that they tend to have a lagging period in terms of getting documentation out. He
30 was successful in getting it pushed up. The Village has the easement that it needed. Metra
31 is happy. The Village is happy. The Olympia Fields Country Club is happy.

32 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Oliver to approve Resolution #2011-**
33 **09 – A Resolution ratifying the Pipeline Easement Agreement with Metra.**

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35 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Pennington if the Village had not opted to pay the
36 one-time fee of \$55,000.00 and instead paid the \$3,500.00 a year, could Metra have ever
37 come back to the Village and said that they were not granting that easement. Trustee
38 Pennington stated that he doesn't think that Metra would do that. Metra would just expect
39 that the next 25-Administrations would continue to pay the \$3,500.00.

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41 Trustee Waite stated that at \$3,500.00 a year, in 10-years the Village would have paid
42 \$35,000.00. He stated how many years before you pay \$55,000.00? He stated that it is a
43 matter of time, value of money. He stated with the interest rates today, it would take
44 about 50-years to pay it. Trustee Pennington stated that it is probably the amount of time
45 it would take to rehabilitate the sewer line anyway about 50-years, so the Village would

1 have to do it again. Trustee Pennington stated that Trustee Waite is right, it's the feasible
2 thing to do, and it's basically time, value of money.

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

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5 **Resolution #2011-08 – A Resolution ratifying the License Agreement with CN**
6 **Railroad** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the next item required immediate
7 attention over the summer recess because of the construction schedule, and that is the
8 same railroad area but different jurisdiction for the CN Railroad.

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10 Village President Meyers-Martin turned the matter over to Trustee Pennington regarding
11 this Agreement with CN Railroad.

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13 Trustee Pennington stated that it is essentially the same with respect to the need for the
14 granting of the easement by Canadian National Railroad. The required amount was
15 \$5,550.00. He believes that the Village already paid \$750.00 on this particular component
16 so the actual out-of-pocket expense was \$4,800.00. He stated that the Village had to get
17 an Easement Agreement from Canadian National Railroad. Due to the timetable, the
18 Village had to move this forward quickly just like it did with the Easement Agreement
19 with Metra. Trustee Pennington stated that Village President Meyers-Martin acted
20 expeditiously on this.

21 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Nale to approve Resolution #2011-**
22 **08- A Resolution ratifying the License Agreement with Canadian National Railroad**
23 **hereinafter CN.**

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

25
26 **Illinois Hardest Hit Program** – Administrator Mekarski stated that his last report is
27 dealing with information that he is asking everybody to get the word out to your
28 constituents, to the Homeowners Associations, and possibly to the Sharp Organization.
29 Illinois received \$45,000,000.00 from the TARP Fund. The TARP Fund was released on
30 July 25th. It provides relief to people that are having difficulty making payments on their
31 homes. You do not have to be in foreclosure. You can be in the process of delinquency.
32 He stated that one to three delinquencies is all that it would take and a demonstration that
33 you are paying more than 31% of your total gross income towards housing, having to be
34 above 80% of the median County income which is about 80% of \$127,000.00 annually;
35 living in a household of value of \$500,000.00 or less. There is one caveat, someone in the
36 household has to be either unemployed for a period of time, or under employed. He stated
37 that if you were working full-time for a private or public company and then you were
38 either laid off, terminated, or your hours were reduced to part-time, you would be
39 applicable for this loan. They call it a loan, but the Administrators from the State have
40 made it clear that they don't expect a penny to be paid back. Homeowners can apply up
41 to \$25,000.00.

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43 Administrator Mekarski stated that people can go to www.illinoishardesthit.org and fill
44 out the form. The program will run between now and 2017. In the Board Packet is a
45 PowerPoint Presentation that was made at the South Suburban Mayors And Managers
46 Association. They are expecting to serve between 16,000 and 27,000 households. This

1 program just started. If anyone knows of people that are having difficulty making their
2 mortgage payments tell them about this program and have them go to the website. This
3 can help to keep them in their home. He stated not to wait until it goes into foreclosure or
4 goes to the Sheriff for eviction. He stated that if you have some delinquencies prior to
5 foreclosure, look to get assistance to stay in your home.

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Administrator Mekarski if he knew why it
8 took so long for that money to be released. Administrator Mekarski stated that he had no
9 idea. He stated that there is a list of banks that are participating in the program. He stated
10 that if you see a bank that is not participating, and you feel like you can open the door to
11 that bank, the Administrator from the State of Illinois will contact that bank. He stated
12 that members of the Housing Collaborative and Diversity, Inc. would be happy to push
13 for that bank's inclusion in the program.

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15 Trustee Pennington inquired of Administrator Mekarski if this was just for principal
16 residences and not income property. Administrator Mekarski believes that is correct.

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18 Trustee Ormsby stated that it is only for mortgage assistance. She inquired of
19 Administrator Mekarski who does the paperwork for this. Administrator Mekarski stated
20 that it is the Illinois Housing Development Authority. He stated as an example, if your
21 mortgage payment was \$2,000.00 a month and you did not pay it for a year, you could
22 apply for the full Grant of \$25,000.00 to take care of that. He stated that if you are
23 working part-time and you will be in a full-time position in three to six months, you
24 could receive a Partial Grant to get you over that hump.

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26 Trustee Ormsby stated that this is not based on someone that bought a house and can no
27 longer afford it. It is based on people that bought a house, and both were working, and
28 now one of them doesn't work. Administrator Mekarski believes that they will look to
29 see if someone in the household filed for unemployment insurance, whether you were
30 working full-time but now reduced to part-time, or you were full-time and furloughed, or
31 laid off and have to collect unemployment for a short period of time, or whether you lost
32 your job altogether and had to go on unemployment. Trustee Ormsby stated that it seems
33 like there is a lot of paperwork to allocate that to people.

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35 Administrator Mekarski stated that they claim it should only take a half hour to 45-
36 minutes to fill the form out on the website. The website is www.illinoishardesthit.org.
37 The phone number is: 855-873-7405. He recommended that the Trustees get the
38 information out to their Commissions of which they participate as Liaisons and have
39 those Commissions get the word out as well.

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41 Trustee Ormsby stated that "Hardest Hit" just means anybody. She stated that "Hardest
42 Hit" connotes to her a really struggling community. Administrator Mekarski stated that it
43 is anybody in the County areas that are listed. It is listed under "Hardest Hit Counties."
44 Cook County is included in there.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Administrator Mekarski if the only access is
2 going to the website, or if there is an agency that is working with this program where
3 people can sit down with a counselor and help walk them through the application process.
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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that they suggested giving them a call if they have
6 difficulty getting Internet Access and they will let you know if there are satellite
7 opportunities of stopping in the office. The Housing Collaborative and Diversity, Inc.
8 worked on a “Save Your Home Event” held this past Saturday. Representatives from the
9 “Illinois Hardest Hit Program” were in attendance. He stated that especially now people
10 do need this kind of assistance. Unfortunately, many people wait until it is too late. It is
11 important to encourage people to get this Grant so they don’t go into default.
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13 Trustee Gibson stated that some people may be embarrassed but a lot of people would
14 simply not know how to get online to do it. Administrator Mekarski stated that you can
15 call them up on the phone and they can walk you through the process. Trustee Gibson
16 stated that some of the neediest people that are having problems might be the ones that
17 don’t have computers.
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19 Trustee Nale stated that you will need some sort of proof that you are in need.
20 Administrator Mekarski suggested that the Trustees go online to the website. He stated
21 that you can call them and tell them that you are a Trustee and you want to get the word
22 out. He stated that maybe there are some fliers that have been published. He suggested
23 that the Sharp Organization could help get the word out to its members. He stated that it
24 will protect everyone’s home values whether you are in foreclosure or not.
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26 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**
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28 **Loss of Jewel** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she didn’t really have a
29 report. She wanted to reiterate the efforts that the Village has been making in order to
30 compensate for the loss of Jewel. She doesn’t know if anyone has been to the Jewel since
31 they decided to leave but it is very sad. She stated that it is almost unbearable to see. The
32 Village President and Administrator Mekarski have been reaching out to find a solution
33 to the loss of that business and to the continued health of that plaza. The potential for that
34 plaza to fall on hard times is very possible. She stated that sometimes there is a big furor
35 about something that is happening and then it dies down. She stated that we certainly will
36 continue our efforts to salvage the Economic Development and vitality of that plaza.
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38 Trustee Waite stated that he received a mailing in the mail today from Jewel. It stated that
39 they were closing the store. There was a map that showed the three other Jewel Stores
40 that they recommend people go to.
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42 Trustee Gibson stated that she was going to speak on the same thing. Although she thinks
43 the gesture was nice, they sent coupons where you could receive 50% off with any
44 groceries that you buy at their other Jewel Stores. She stated that is a slap in the face for
45 us. Trustee Gibson wants to write back to them and tell them that she will never shop at

1 their Jewel Stores anymore. She stated that it might not hurt them but it would certainly
2 make her feel better. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she understands.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that he wanted to bring to the Board's attention that the
5 Village President has been reaching out to the area Mayors and the Governor's Office in
6 trying to rally them to get their citizens to write and ask them to return. He reminded
7 everyone that J.C. Penney had left Lincoln Mall and about six to eight-years later they
8 built a brand new Class A Store. In the Newsletter this month the Village President has
9 laid out a candid dialog on the Administrations communications with Jewel and their
10 decision to leave. The Newsletter contains the letter from Congressman Jackson which
11 the homeowners can use as an example to ask Jewel to come back. Mayor Ostenburg and
12 the Board of Trustees in Park Forest passed a Resolution condemning the move, and
13 encouraged all of its citizens to boycott purchasing any Jewel products anywhere in the
14 region.

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16 Trustee Pennington inquired if the mood of the existing businesses in the shopping center
17 has been gauged. He inquired what their feeling is about Jewel leaving.

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have had contact with Centro Properties
20 regarding the vitality of that plaza and the tenants in that plaza. Centro Properties is
21 aware of that possibility. The Village has continuing dialog with them in order to support
22 those businesses and to provide whatever encouragement and assistance that we can as a
23 Village. She stated that is ongoing in terms of those conversations with Centro Properties.
24 She stated that Centro Properties is aware of the Village's concern about that.

25
26 Trustee Pennington inquired if the Village knows if any of the businesses in the plaza, if
27 their leases are tied to the Jewel being there as an anchor store.

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29 Administrator Mekarski stated the Village will be in communication with Centro
30 Properties regarding that. It is questionable whether Centro Properties would want to
31 release that. He believes that they would consider that proprietary. He will make the
32 inquiry on behalf of the Village President and the Board, and discuss with the Village
33 Attorney if it is proprietary information if we can communicate it to the Board in
34 Executive Session. He stated that you can understand the concern of getting it out in the
35 public. Trustee Pennington stated that is fine.

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37 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village President and the Administration are not
38 simply saying that they are doing everything in their power. Village President Meyers-
39 Martin met with a National Retailer this week with officials of Centro Properties and
40 members of the Administration to begin a dialog. There is a lot of activity in that area.
41 The best way that the citizens can help the process is to get the word out on the
42 importance of that area and the strength of that area. He stated to write the letters to Jewel
43 and to the editor of the paper talking about the importance of the strength of the area. He
44 stated to talk about what kind of stores you would like to see. He stated that is heard and
45 listened to by National Retailers and Brokers. It draws attention to our area and it makes

1 the job that the Village President, the Board, and the Administration do every day a lot
2 easier.

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4 Trustee Ormsby suggested writing the letters to Dominick's and some other grocery
5 chain that would be interested in coming into this community and investing in this
6 community, which Jewel clearly did not want to do and has not wanted to do. She stated
7 that it is no wonder that Park Forest has boycotted them. It is a huge blow to them. That
8 was their main grocery store. She stated that it is also a blow to us. Trustee Ormsby stated
9 that there are a lot of other grocery stores out there so send the letters to them. She stated
10 that this is a great opportunity. Trustee Ormsby stated that she is very tired of Jewel.

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12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she appreciates the research that has been
13 done through the Retail Redlining Project because those are numbers that the Village has
14 been able to use in terms of the number of cars that travel along Route 30. She stated that
15 there are 60,000 cars a day and that has to be attractive to somebody in terms of retailers.
16 She stated that you can't beat numbers like that. She has discovered in the recent weeks
17 that the Village has been moving forward, and reaching out, in trying to find a resolution
18 to this issue, that the Cook County Taxes are the biggest obstacle that we confront.

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20 Trustee Gibson stated especially Cook County Suburban Taxes. Trustee Ormsby stated
21 south suburban. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that in the recent weeks that has
22 been the biggest obstacle in reaching out to Economic Development Strategies just
23 because people look at those taxes and go, "Wait a minute." Trustee Ormsby suggested a
24 letter to Governor Quinn.

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26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Village will not give up. The Village will
27 continue to fight because it is crucial to the Village's vitality here. She stated that she just
28 wanted to make that clear.

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30 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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32 **Landscape Awards by the Beautification Committee** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the
33 Landscaping Awards were a smashing success again this year. The Beautification
34 Committee will be presenting the Landscape Awards at the September 12th Board
35 Meeting.

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37 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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39 The Board did not have any New Business to discuss this evening.

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41 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENT:**

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43 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have any Resignations or
44 Appointments this evening.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to adjourn at 8:38 P.M.

Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.