

1 Packet. The Summary Report was provided to the Board today. Trustee Byrd stated that he
2 would be going over the Summary Report for May and June. The Summary Report will be used
3 each month in order to give the Finance Report. The Summary Report has the bar graphs on it.
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5 Trustee Byrd stated that there are four pages to the May and June Report. The Report contains
6 the following: "Revenue, Expenses, Current Month Surplus/Deficit" and a "Year to Date
7 Surplus/ Deficit Report." Trustee Byrd stated that in looking at the May Report, on the revenue
8 side we budgeted \$257,077.54. The actual revenue that was received in May was \$281,112.91.
9 He stated that we are probably about 19% on the plus side on that Budget. Part of it is due to the
10 fact that the Sales Tax varies from month-to-month. The Village did receive more Sales Taxes in
11 the month of May. Eventually it equals itself out as the year goes along. Currently, the Village is
12 not receiving the Real Estate Taxes. That will affect the revenue side of the Budget in the future.
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14 Trustee Byrd stated that in the Water Fund the Village budgeted \$187,442.92. The Village
15 actually received \$130,518.61. Trustee Byrd stated that in the Sewer Fund the Village budgeted
16 \$94,235.37. The Village actually received \$71,910.28. In the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund
17 you will get an actual difference in your revenue. Part of that is due to the billing cycle of the
18 water bill. He stated that half of the Village is billed on different months. There will be a cycle
19 difference on the first quarter on that until it catches up. There is an increase of water and sewer
20 payments that will be starting in September and October.
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22 Trustee Byrd stated that the second page of the May Report has the "Expenses." The Budget was
23 \$619,083.36. The actual expenses were \$374,388.04. He stated that although the Village spent
24 40% less, he reminded the Board that \$250,000.00 is still due to the Fire Protection Service
25 which had not been paid during that month. It was budgeted for, but it was not paid out.
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27 Trustee Byrd stated that in the Water Fund \$88,516.12 was budgeted. The Village actually spent
28 \$87,116.14. It is pretty much in line with what was budgeted for that month. He stated that in the
29 Sewer Fund \$118,822.34 was budgeted. The Village actually spent \$98,501.00 in the month of
30 May.
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32 Trustee Byrd stated that the third page is the "Current Month Surplus and Deficit." He stated that
33 we should pay attention to this every month regarding the surplus and the deficit in those funds.
34 In the General Fund the Village budgeted a \$383,305.77 deficit. The actual deficit was
35 \$93,275.13. The \$250,000.00 for the Fire Protection Service was not paid out during that month.
36 In the Sewer Fund the Village budgeted \$24,586.67 for a deficit. The actual deficit was
37 \$26,590.72.
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39 Trustee Byrd stated that the last page gives the "Year to Date Surplus and Deficit." It is basically
40 the same as your month to date since May was the first month of the Fiscal Year. He stated that
41 we are pretty much in line where we should be for the month of May.
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43 Trustee Byrd stated that in June the Village budgeted in the General Fund \$228,967.54. The
44 actual revenue that the Village received was \$236,321.22. In the Water Fund the Village
45 budgeted \$168,387.92. The Village actually received \$126,158.56. In the Sewer Fund for the
46 month of June, the Village budgeted \$94,235.67. The Village actually received \$75,465.79. He
47 stated that the Real Estate Taxes won't come in until September or October. They aren't in that

1 Budget for the revenue. The Sales Tax fluctuates about \$50,000.00 a month. It was a little higher
2 in the month of May. It will even it out in the month of June.

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4 Trustee Byrd stated that the Water Fund, part of that is due to the billing cycle. The increase of
5 the rates will not go into effect until September. He stated that the Village budgeted \$354,841.31
6 for expenses in the General Fund for the month of June. The actual expenses were \$639,864.24.
7 The increase in expenses is due to the fact the Fire Protection Service payment was paid out in
8 the month of June.

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10 Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Byrd did we not know that when we budgeted. Trustee Byrd
11 stated yes. It was budgeted in the month of May. It was due to be paid in the month of June. He
12 stated that he could ask Cindy about that. Trustee Waite stated that he was just curious.

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14 Trustee Byrd stated that we budgeted \$98,154.12 in the Water Fund. The actual expenses were
15 \$100,133.68. In the Sewer Fund the Village budgeted \$177,136.46. The actual expenses were
16 \$156,824.05. The difference in the General Fund expenses was the Fire Protection Service
17 payout. He stated that we had budgeted one vehicle for the police and there were two vehicles
18 purchased during that month.

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20 Trustee Byrd stated that with the “Current Month Surplus and Deficit,” budgeted was a
21 \$125,873.77 deficit. The actual deficit in the General Fund was \$403,543.02. In the Water Fund
22 \$70,233.80 was budgeted. The actual expenditure was \$26,024.88. In the Sewer Fund
23 \$82,900.79 was budgeted for expenses. He stated that \$81,358.26 was spent.

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25 Trustee Byrd stated that the last page shows that in the General Fund the Village budgeted for
26 \$509,179.54. The actual was \$496,818.15. He stated that is pretty much in line of the Budget that
27 we had for those two months. In the Water Fund the Village budgeted \$169,160.60. The actual
28 was \$69,427.35. The increase for the water and sewer was not reflected in the numbers here. In
29 the Sewer Fund the Village budgeted \$107,487.46. The actual for the Sewer Fund is
30 \$107,948.98. They are pretty much in line with what we budgeted for.

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32 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she loves the bar charts. It makes it much easier to
33 follow what the amounts are, what the funds are, the expenses, and the revenues.

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35 Trustee Byrd stated that he had to give Cynthia Saenz thanks for the bar charts. Those were her
36 idea. He stated that she did a great job on those.

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38 **BUILDING:**

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40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will skip Building.

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42 **PLANNING:**

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44 There was no report in Trustee Oliver’s absence.

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1 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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3 **Information Only – 203rd Street Metra Parking Lot – Seal Coat and Restriping Notice for**
4 **Wednesday, September 4, 2013** – Trustee Waite stated that the seal coating and restriping of
5 the Metra Parking Lot at 203rd Street is ready to send out for bids. He stated that we are
6 aggressively trying to get some of the minority contractors to participate in that. It is going to be
7 a pretty sizeable job. Many of the contractors don't participate in the prequalification with IDOT.
8 It is not easy for them to get through that hurdle if they are not use to doing it. Trustee Waite
9 stated that he wishes that there was some way to get some of the general contractors to mentor
10 some of the subs so they could bid. He stated that he guesses that is like encouraging somebody
11 to bid against them. He stated that is one of the complicated things when you are trying to favor
12 one group over another, it seems like conflicts of interests are nearly impossible to deal with. He
13 doesn't know how we would go about mentoring the minority contractors to be able to be part of
14 the State bidding group, but it is something that we can think about going forward. Trustee Waite
15 stated that maybe some of the members of the community would have some ideas about how to
16 do that. He stated that we would like to give as much business as we can to the minority
17 contractors. They have to submit the bids. If they don't know how to submit the bids, what do we
18 do? He stated that if we don't get the bids we can't consider them. That's one of the problems.
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20 Trustee Waite stated that as far as the actual striping and the seal coating of the parking lot, it is
21 going to be done on weekends so we are not going to have to close the lot. We are not going to
22 close the lot on weekends either. We are going to set aside areas where people can come and
23 park. Typically, on a Saturday or Sunday there are maybe 30 cars. He stated that if you set aside
24 50 or 60 spots and then work on the rest of the lot that can still be done without disrupting a
25 whole lot of people. He stated that we should be putting up some signs that will inform the
26 people. They are looking at later September. He believes the bid date that is due is September 4th.
27 He stated that once we consider everything, two or three weeks later we would be in a position to
28 do that.
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30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that first and foremost when we want to notify the
31 residents we certainly can do that on our website in terms of notice that this work will be going
32 on and the dates that it will proceed. We also have the ability to put it on Channel 4 as far as a
33 notification. We will do everything that we possibly can to let the residents know, in addition to
34 NIXLE which is our new communication tool that Chief Krull has brought to this Village. She
35 stated that we just need residents to sign up for it. It is easily done by going to the website and
36 going to the link to sign up. The residents will get notifications either by email or text about that
37 kind of work.
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39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that as far as the minority contractors, we have made a
40 concerted effort to make sure that the bidding is open and fair to all contractors interested in
41 doing the work. The difference between this project as opposed to an IDOT Project is IDOT has
42 very specific requirements of their contractors. A lot of minority contractors are either unaware
43 of that bidding process or don't have the capacity in order to fulfill it. This is a little different
44 because it is not a State Project, and therefore it would be open to anyone who can make a bid.
45 She stated that we will certainly continue to encourage minority contractors to come forward.
46 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we did talk to Brenda Gold who is the EEO Officer
47 with IDOT in order to reach out to our DBE and MBE contractors. She stated that we will

1 continue to do that because we think it is only fair. There is work and money to be made. We
2 want to be on the cutting edge of getting the word out for that. Village President Meyers-Martin
3 stated that she just wanted to talk about the notification and the DBE Minority Contractors.
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5 Trustee Waite stated that if you look at the details of what you have to do in order to submit a
6 bid, it's not easy. You have to make known your financial capabilities. You have to put up a
7 surety bond that says that you are going to complete the job. He stated that for a small contractor
8 that kind of thing might be a bit undaunting, but we are trying to work forward. He believes that
9 we need to figure out a way to take some of them under our wing and coach them on how to go
10 about doing that. That is his suggestion.

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12 Trustee Waite stated that as far as the notification is concerned, nobody is going to be
13 inconvenienced. He stated that whether they get the message that there will be some work going
14 on at the parking lot or not, there is going to be places for them to park when they get there.
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16 **Trees and Stumps** – Trustee Waite stated that all of the trees that were dying or dead have been
17 removed that were on Village property. There are 100, plus or minus tree stumps of varying sizes
18 to be removed. He stated that we are in the process of going forward on that.
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20 Trustee Waite stated that Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association has been going around
21 identifying trees not on Village property. They are putting together a program with one of the
22 major tree companies to give prices to individual homeowners on an organized basis. He stated
23 that you can sign up for whatever level of service you want, whether it is removing dead trees or
24 trimming trees. The company bills the homeowner directly and the company gets paid directly.
25 They can schedule on an organized basis how to go through the 400-homes in the Olympia
26 Fields East Homeowners Association. Trustee Waite stated that Susan Moroney was working on
27 that and contacting people to make sure that they had a chance to participate in this program that
28 will save them money, but also make things look a lot better.
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30 **Paving of Streets** – Trustee Waite stated that all of the paving of the streets has been done as far
31 as Phase I is concerned. He stated that a few areas of landscaping need to be done. There is a
32 punch list of details that need to be done in order to complete it. He stated that the Village has
33 held back a few thousand dollars from the contractor. Those funds will be released to the
34 contractor when the work is completed to the Village's satisfaction.
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36 **Discount for Seniors** – Trustee Waite stated that a constituent, Shirley Foster, inquired whether
37 or not there are any kinds of senior discounts that the Village offers for various services like
38 water. Trustee Waite stated that he had never heard of that before. Trustee Waite stated that Mrs.
39 Foster had contacted Star/AJ Disposal and they had informed her that they would give her a
40 senior citizen discount. Trustee Waite stated that he had never heard of that. He contacted
41 Star/AJ Disposal this morning. The senior citizen discount on the water bill is 22.4%. He stated
42 that is \$16.16 per bill for four bills a year. Trustee Waite stated that if you are 65 years of age or
43 older the discount is available to you. Trustee Waite faxed a copy of his driver's license to
44 Star/AJ Disposal and they indicated that the discount was available to him.
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1 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**
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3 **Virgin Health Miles Program – Recommendation for payment to The Horton Group in the**
4 **amount of \$2,429.73** – Trustee Nale stated that the first item on the Agenda under the Human
5 Resource Committee is regarding the Virgin Health Miles Program. In late 2012, Trustee Nale
6 attended a seminar given by the Horton Health Group, which is a Health Insurance Company
7 located in Orland Park. In February of 2013, a presentation was made by the Horton Health
8 Group to all of the Department Heads. It was very well received. The interest of this program
9 was pursued mainly due to the rising cost of health care, and the Human Resource Committee’s
10 commitment in helping the entire staff become individually aware of the need to prevent some of
11 the major health issues in health care. Trustee Nale stated that at the June 10th Board Meeting,
12 the Board received a packet of information regarding the Virgin Health module proposed by the
13 Horton Health Group in February. The health related program was also recommended by IRMA
14 which is the Village’s liability insurer. At that time, Trustee Nale had requested that any
15 questions that the Board had regarding the Virgin Health Miles Program sponsored by the
16 Horton Health Group be sent to her. Trustee Nale has not received any questions.
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18 Trustee Nale stated that Gladys Foster, the Administrative Assistant to Administrator Mekarski,
19 has agreed to sign up employees interested in beginning the Virgin Health Miles Program. She
20 stated that a small money stipend may be developed to encourage the participation of all of the
21 employees. All of the employees will receive a pedometer. They will be able to access the web
22 for health providing initiatives. The plan will be evaluated after a six month period and after a 12
23 month period.

24 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Waite to authorize the Administration to**
25 **subscribe with the Horton Health Group initiative, Virgin Health Miles Based Program as**
26 **a Wellness Benefit Program for our employee group in an amount not to exceed \$2,429.73.**
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28 Trustee Nale stated that money has been budgeted for this. Trustee Byrd inquired of Trustee
29 Nale whether or not the current Health Insurance Company offers a Wellness Group. Trustee
30 Nale stated no they don’t. Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Nale what the Village gets from
31 them for the Wellness Program. He inquired how that works.
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33 Trustee Nale stated that as the Motion states the Virgin Health Miles Base Program as well as the
34 Wellness Benefit Program for our employee group will be administrated. Each employee can get
35 further information off the website as to other programs that they might be interested in.
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37 Administrator Mekarski stated that there is a whole array of activities that is listed. Trustee Waite
38 inquired whether or not this payment pays for whatever they do with our employees.

39 Administrator Mekarski stated that this was an additional item that was budgeted in this year’s
40 budget for wellness, with the interest of the Board to try to encourage healthier living, which
41 hopefully will reduce our premium cost by reducing the amount of expense that is being made on
42 our insurance company.
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44 Trustee Nale stated that she did mention that IRMA has recommended a Health Care Initiative
45 Program to be setup with the Village if possible. Administrator Mekarski stated that The Horton
46 Group is one of the leading brokers that are facilitating wellness. They are recommended by the

1 September 30th of this year. Trustee Nale has made appointments with all of the Department
2 Heads for a review of the recommendations from IRMA's previous visit.

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4 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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6 **Thank you to Fire Chief Angell for Coming Tonight** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated
7 that in Trustee Gibson's absence she will be providing the Public Safety Report. Village
8 President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to acknowledge our Fire Chief, Jamie Angell,
9 who is in the audience. She thanked Chief Angell for coming to the Board Meeting. (There was a
10 round of applause). Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Chief Angell whether or not he
11 wanted to come forward. Chief Angell stated that he was just visiting.

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13 **Information Only: Resident Thank you to Corporal Esteban Lopez** – Village President
14 Meyers-Martin stated that Trustee Gibson has three items for her report. She stated that Chief
15 Krull will provide some input on a couple of items. The first item is information only. Village
16 President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to recognize the fact that the Olympia Fields
17 Police Department was notified via email by Beverly Sokol who lives in Wysteria. Mrs. Sokol
18 wanted to commend Corporal Esteban Lopez for his community oriented policing activities
19 during mid July.

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21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that “During mid July while on patrol at 11 P.M.,
22 Corporal Lopez noticed the garage door to the Sokol's residence was open. Corporal Lopez
23 exited his patrol squad, checked the garage and the car parked inside the garage and then made
24 contact with Beverly and Edwin Sokol to check on their well-being. Mrs. Sokol was very
25 appreciative of Corporal Lopez's efforts which went over and above the high level of service
26 appreciated by our residents.” Mrs. Sokol provided an email thanking Corporal Lopez for his
27 service. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we certainly recognize Corporal Lopez as
28 well. Village President Meyers-Martin wanted to remind everyone that each Homeowners
29 Association has their own Police Liaison that they can count on as part of the HALO Program.
30 She stated that this was part of a regular patrol. She stated that we always recognize that our
31 police officers do go above and beyond in order to serve the residents. Village President Meyers-
32 Martin stated that we are appreciative of that.

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34 **Information Only: National Night Out – Next Event Tuesday, August 5, 2014, from 6:00**
35 **P.M. to 9:00 P.M.** Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the second item that Trustee
36 Gibson wanted to report on was “National Night Out” which was held Tuesday, August 6th at
37 Bicentennial Park. That was in conjunction with the Olympia Fields Park District. They host a
38 National Night Out as well as many other communities, not only in the south suburbs but in the
39 region. Many other agencies contributed to the success of this event including SouthCom
40 Dispatch, the Chicago Heights Fire Department, and Chiro One Medical Centers. The
41 participants enjoyed a demonstration from K-9 Officer Scott Metzger and K-9 Lars, the Olympia
42 Fields Police Department Bike Patrol and crime prevention officers. They had hot dogs, chips,
43 drinks, and assorted small hand-out items.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this event would not have been possible without the
46 efforts of Officer Sean Barry who coordinated the event. Many Olympia Fields Police
47 Department Staff volunteered their time to make this event a success, including Deputy Chief

1 Carl Frey, Corporal Don Dean, Corporal Steve Lopez, Officer John Pearson, Officer Gabe
2 Alvarado, K-9 Officer Scott Metzger and K-9 Lars, and Training Officer Bernie Hogancamp. All
3 of the officers should be recognized for their efforts.
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5 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that planning is already underway for next year's
6 "National Night Out," which is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5th, 2014, from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00
7 P.M. Village President Meyers-Martin hopes that more residents will participate.
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9 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Chief Krull whether or not he wanted to add
10 anything to National Night Out because he was there. Chief Krull stated no, that the Village
11 President did a fantastic job with the summary.
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13 **Information Only: Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists – Recognition to Corporal**
14 **Mayden, Officer Kickert, Officer Dean, Officer Garcia** – Village President Meyers-Martin
15 stated that we wanted to recognize four officers who were receiving Certificates of Appreciation
16 from the organization AAIM. That is the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists. The officers
17 are: Corporal Michael Mayden who has recorded 23 DUI Arrests; Corporal Don Dean who has
18 recorded 6 DUI Arrests; Patrol Officer Dan Kickert has recorded 10 DUI Arrests; and former
19 Patrol Officer, now Illinois State Trooper Victor Garcia has recorded 13 DUI Arrests. She stated
20 that we have been very mindful to participate in this DUI Enforcement. She stated that with
21 Labor Day coming up, our officers will be out again, as well as other officers throughout the
22 region. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we want everyone to be safe on the roads.
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24 Chief Krull stated that it is important to realize in a small police agency to have this type of
25 activity from your officers. He stated that although it may seem like there is not a lot going on at
26 times, the officers are out there actively looking for traffic violations, and traffic violations
27 involving driving under the influence arrests. It is an incredibly tragic event when somebody is
28 involved in an accident involving a drunk or an impaired driver. He stated that we want to do
29 everything that we can do to take those drivers off the road. Chief Krull stated that there will be
30 extra patrols out this holiday weekend. Typically, it is a very active and very busy weekend for
31 those kinds of traffic offenses. He stated that you will probably see more squads out and about.
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33 Chief Krull wanted to recognize the officers. He stated that they have already started their traffic
34 details. Chief Krull stated that because the officers are working so many hours, and one or two of
35 them were not able to make it tonight, the officers as a group chose that if one officer couldn't
36 make it tonight, that they would all not be here in respect for the officers that could not be
37 present, including Trooper Victor Garcia who is working midnights now on the highways.
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39 Trustee Waite stated that a few years ago he was in Helsinki, Finland. He inquired of one of the
40 locals what the laws were there. He was informed that when you start your car, your headlights
41 come on. You don't have an on/off switch. If you get stopped for drunk driving, one drink and
42 you lose your license for 12-months. With a second offense you lose your license for the rest of
43 your life. The Prime Minister had been stopped and there was no mercy shown.
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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the AAIM Acronym stands for the "Alliance
46 Against Intoxicated Motorists." It is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 1982 by
47 families who had lost loved ones in drunken driving crashes. AAIM was Illinois's first citizen

1 action group dedicated to the fight against driving under the influence. The mission of the
2 Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists is to prevent deaths and injuries caused by intoxicated or
3 distracted motorists, and to assist impaired driving crash victims and their families in Illinois.
4 She stated that every year AAIM presents Certificates of Appreciation to officers throughout the
5 State of Illinois to recognize their driving under the influence enforcement efforts. Village
6 President Meyers-Martin stated that we congratulate Corporal Michael Mayden, Corporal Don
7 Dean, Patrol Officer Dan Kickert, and former Patrol Officer and now Illinois State Trooper
8 Victor Garcia who lives in the Village of Olympia Fields. She stated that we are very proud of all
9 of them.

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11 **Senior Safety Seminar** – Chief Krull stated that we are going to have a Senior Safety Seminar
12 on September 4th, 2013, at 1:00 P.M. in the Village Board Room. The seminar is advertised on
13 the website. He asked his friends from the SHARPCWATCH to put it on their website as well.
14 The presenter will be Sondra Denmark. She is a State’s Attorney with the Cook County State’s
15 Attorney’s Office. She specializes in nothing but senior fraud prosecution. She is the subject
16 matter expert with this. Chief Krull is very happy to have her here. It is a very useful and
17 informative program for everybody. The HALO Officers will be pushing that information out as
18 well. Chief Krull stated that if you can help me spread the word he would appreciate it.

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20 Trustee Waite inquired of Chief Krull whether or not he would accept any attendees that might
21 live outside of the Village. Chief Krull stated absolutely.

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23 **Citizens Police Academy** – Chief Krull stated that the Citizens Police Academy is scheduled to
24 start September 11th. They are in need of a couple more participants. They would like to have at
25 least 10 to 12 people in that class. Chief Krull would like people to help him spread the word. He
26 stated that it is a very informative program. The officers have spent a lot of time and effort
27 putting the program together. Chief Krull believes that it will be very beneficial.

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29 Trustee Byrd stated that he would see the Chief after the meeting.

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31 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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33 **Illinois Department of Transportation – State Highways with Light Emitting Diode (LED)**
34 **Modules Agreement** – Administrator Mekarski stated that he has one item to report on tonight.
35 The Village has received notice from IDOT with plans and specifications for an LED Upgrade to
36 the traffic signal at US 30 and Main Street. That is Main Street adjacent to the Speedway in
37 Olympia Fields. The LED Upgrade with engineering has a total cost of \$41,400.00. The State of
38 Illinois is picking up \$39,330.00. There will be \$1,035.00 from other sources. The Village’s
39 share is only \$1,035.00. Local Funds can be derived from the Village’s MFT Fund Account
40 following approval of an IDOT MFT Resolution which we would prepare for the next Board
41 Meeting.

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43 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Motion before the Board authorizes the Village President
44 to enter into that Agreement and for the engineer to prepare the MFT Resolution. He stated that
45 more importantly, it gives authorization to the engineer to ask for some plan modifications.
46 Administrator Mekarski stated that the parcel of property where the CVS is located is called
47 “The Gateway Parcel.” He stated that what we anticipate for future Economic Development is

1 12,000 square foot of ancillary retail opportunities; two, 6,000 square foot restaurant pads and a
2 5,000 square foot service pad. That has an access road that would go from CVS all the way to
3 Speedway. It would terminate at the extension of Main Street in Olympia Fields. The Village
4 recently received notice for discretionary funds in the amount of \$178,000.00 from DCEO. This
5 is the Grant the Village received. The Village President is considering bringing to the Board
6 authorization for us to possibly extend Main Street to make that parcel more viable
7 economically.

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9 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village participated in another Grant with the South
10 Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for
11 Planning. They brought in Economic Developers, investors, housing developers and commercial
12 developers, and members from the Urban Land Institute. They evaluated our two Transportation
13 Oriented Development Sites, one in Olympia Fields and one in Park Forest all around the 211th
14 Street Lincoln Highway Metra Facility. Their single recommendation for the Olympia Fields site
15 was to try to make it more “shovel ready,” and to demonstrate to the development community
16 that the Village has full access to Lincoln Highway. He stated that curb cuts on that property
17 would not permit left-hand turn movements. Administrator Mekarski stated that by extending
18 Main Street with the use of the Grant monies from DCEO, and further modifying the signal head
19 to allow left-hand turn movements, we could demonstrate to the development community that we
20 have extended a public roadway with proper curb cuts and signalized an intersection. All of those
21 sites, the two restaurant facilities, the service facility, and the 12,000 square foot ancillary
22 commercial, that constraint, that cost is eliminated from their margins and the development
23 community believes that will help the Village induce quality, “Class A, Retail.”

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25 Administrator Mekarski stated that the developer can start marketing that property as fully
26 assessable sites to Lincoln Highway for left and right-hand movements. He stated that we are
27 still getting estimates from Robinson Engineering about the cost of extending Main Street. The
28 site is pretty much already paved. He stated that folks don’t even recognize it as part of Main
29 Street. It looks like an extension of the Speedway Parking Lot. This would provide a proper
30 ingress and egress for Speedway patrons, and a proper ingress and egress for the stub road to the
31 CVS site. It would be fully signalized so it would be safer for the Speedway patrons and future
32 customers going into “The Gateway Parcel.” It is a little Economic Development Strategy. It was
33 strongly recommended by the Urban Land Institute through the evaluation.

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35 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not the Village can go forward and
36 make those curb cuts and those changes in the lighting.

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38 Administrator Mekarski stated that is what we are investigating. He stated that since we got this
39 notice that they are upgrading the signal head, it seems like it is a unique opportunity to add the
40 left-hand turn movements. He stated that with the comments from Robinson Engineering with
41 this Motion you are passing, we will see if IDOT is game to allow the Village to do that.
42 Meanwhile we are developing preliminary cost estimates to see if we can achieve the extension
43 of Main Street within the DCEO Grant amount so as to not cost the Village any dollars.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Robinson Engineering is already looking into those
46 potential costs for us.

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1 Trustee Waite stated that would be terrific if we could go ahead and implement it right away
2 because then anybody that comes along they don't have to guess whether or not you are going to
3 do it.

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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Urban Land Institute emphasized to the Village that time
6 is money, and when a development community wants to go for a development, they don't want
7 to wait for six months to try to get IDOT approvals for a signalized intersection and the costs
8 involved. Administrator Mekarski believes that it is a great strategy. The Village President is still
9 evaluating it. He stated that we will report on it at a future date.

10 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Waite to authorize the Village President to**
11 **enter into an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the LED**
12 **Upgrade to the traffic signal at US 30 (Lincoln Highway) at a cost share, not to exceed**
13 **\$1,035.00; with said funds coming from the Village's MFT Fund Account; and further**
14 **authorize our Village Engineer, Robinson Engineering to sign approval of Plans and**
15 **Specifications with comments for modification, to include but not limited to, a left-hand**
16 **turn movement from the extension of Main Street going southbound to US 30 westerly; and**
17 **lastly, authorize Robinson Engineering to prepare an IDOT MFT Resolution requesting**
18 **the local share for consideration by the Board of Trustees in subsequent meetings.**

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

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21 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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23 **Trustee Vacancy** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it seems quite clear that we have
24 a vacancy. Trustee Ormsby resigned and the Village President accepted her resignation. Village
25 President Meyers-Martin is currently seeking a replacement for Trustee Ormsby. She stated that
26 a Memo was sent to all of the Homeowners Associations regarding her interest in seeking
27 someone to fill that vacancy from our residents. The Memo stated that they would be accepting
28 Resumes until the end of business on September 3rd which is the day after Labor Day. Village
29 President Meyers-Martin stated that it is her plan to provide a recommendation for appointment
30 at the next Board Meeting on September 9th. Once the Resumes are in, Village President
31 Meyers-Martin will proceed to interview the finalists. She hopes that everyone saw the Memo.
32 The notice is on the website as well as Channel 4. One of the things that Village President
33 Meyers-Martin is requiring is that when you submit your Resume that you provide your reasons
34 for wanting to serve on the Village Board.

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36 **Economic Development Committee** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the
37 Economic Development Committee met and they toured Bizios soon to be restaurant. It is right
38 next door to Bizios Fresh Market. He is well underway to being close to opening the restaurant.
39 It is going to be an absolutely beautiful restaurant. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
40 she is asking, and will continue to ask that all residents support John Bizios in his efforts. He was
41 a restaurateur before he opened the fresh market. His chef is from New Orleans. The menu is
42 going to be extensive. She stated that it is a wonderful extension to our community. There will be
43 a Grand Opening once he is ready to open. She stated that we will invite everyone out just as we
44 did with the Bizios Fresh Market when it opened.

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46 **Celebration and Dedication for Trustee Ormsby** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
47 to recognize Trustee Ormsby and her work with the Beautification Committee, and all of her

1 efforts within our Village, we will be hosting a celebration on Thursday, September 12th at the
2 Little Garden of Olympia Fields from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. We will be dedicating a plaque to
3 her. It is the garden right next to the Metra Station at 203rd Street. Village President Meyers-
4 Martin stated that she hopes that anyone who is free that evening will come out to the celebration
5 and dedication for Trustee Ormsby.

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7 **Village's Water Rates** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to speak about
8 the water rates. A lot of people have approached her about the water rates. She stated that we
9 have said, and she hopes that the Village has made it clear, that every time Oak Lawn passes an
10 increase to the Village, that the Village passes an increase to our water users. The City of
11 Chicago raised rates and therefore Oak Lawn has done the same. They have passed it to all of
12 their water users.

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14 Trustee Waite stated that we are looking at other possibilities for water. Village President
15 Meyers-Martin stated absolutely. She stated that Oak Lawn is in the process of close to a
16 \$160,000,000.00 rehab of that system. Administrator Mekarski stated that Olympia Fields
17 represents about 3%. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Village is at the very end of
18 that pipeline.

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20 Trustee Waite stated that they wanted the Village to participate at a rate higher than 3%.
21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated oh, absolutely. She stated that with that knowledge we
22 have begun to seek out other alternative possibilities for water use.

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24 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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26 **New Hours for the Park Forest Library** – Trustee Nale stated that she just wanted to remind
27 people that the library has changed their hours. The hours are going to be effective September
28 3rd. Monday through Thursday the library will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Friday and
29 Saturday the library will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on Sunday the library will
30 be open from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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32 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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34 **Seaway National Bank** - Trustee Waite stated that he met with Miranda Dickens. She is the
35 widow of Jacoby Dickens. Mr. Dickens was the owner of Seaway National Bank. He stated that
36 at one point, Seaway National Bank was the largest minority owned bank in the country. It was
37 quite successful. Mr. Dickens passed away not too long ago. Village President Meyers-Martin
38 had a Proclamation that she signed and issued commemorating Jacoby Dickens and all of the
39 work that he has done in his lifetime. He resided in the last house on Country Club Drive before
40 you entered the Olympia Fields Country Club.

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42 Trustee Waite stated that Veranda Dickens is the Chairperson of the bank. She has taken her late
43 husband's place. He stated that she is young and she is aggressive. Mrs. Dickens would like to
44 meet with the Village President. The Village has a very small account at Seaway National Bank
45 and Mrs. Dickens would like to discuss whether or not there is a possibility that she could
46 perform some additional services for the Village. Village President Meyers-Martin thanked
47 Trustee Waite.

1 **Meeting with the Post Master of Olympia Fields and Matteson** - Village President Meyers-
2 Martin stated that she met with the new Post Master of Olympia Fields, Post Master Mansfield,
3 as well as the Post Master from the Village of Matteson. She invited them to attend the New
4 Residents Reception. The Post Master of Olympia Fields indicated to the Village President that
5 she gets many complaints that nobody knew that they were on 203rd Street. Village President
6 Meyers-Martin stated that in light of that, she has invited them to participate at the New
7 Residents Reception so they can provide information on the post office and verify where they are
8 located. They can verify how the postal process works in terms of once you drop it off there,
9 where it goes from there, and how quickly it gets to Bedford Park, and how quickly they are
10 delivering First Class Mail. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it was a really great
11 meeting. She is trying to talk them into having an Open House at the two post offices. Village
12 President Meyers-Martin stated that she is trying to meet with all of the entities in the Village to
13 get them more engaged with our residents and have our residents more engaged with them.
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15 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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17 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have any Resignations or Appointments
18 this evening. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she will be making appointments for
19 the Finance Committee at the Board Meeting on September 9th along with the Trustee
20 appointment.
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22 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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24 **To Discuss Matters of Personnel – Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) –**

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26 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Byrd to go into Executive Session at 8:10 P.M.**
27 **to discuss matters of Personnel, according to the Open Meetings Act Section**
28 **5ILCS120/2(c)(1).**

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

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31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Board will not be taking any action once it
32 returns to Open Session. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening.
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34 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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36 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Byrd to go back into Open Session at 8:35**
37 **P.M.**

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

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40 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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42 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Byrd to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.**

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

44 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**
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