

1                                   **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**  
2                                   **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
3                                   **Held on August 27, 2012**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 27, 2012, 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/Village Clerk 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/Village Clerk, David Mekarski

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14 Absent: None.

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16 **MINUTES:**

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18 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to dispense with the**  
19 **reading of the Minutes of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

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

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22 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve the Minutes of**  
23 **July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012, as amended.**

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

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26 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to dispense with the**  
27 **reading of the Minutes of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.**

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

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30 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the Minutes of**  
31 **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, as presented.**

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

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34 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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36 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval in the amount of  
37 \$69,546.58. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the  
38 more specific payouts.

39 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment**  
40 **of Bills for August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, in the total amount of \$69,546.58.**

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

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43 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:09 P.M.

1 **Award Presentation to Retired Chief Jeff Chudwin for 38 Years of Dedicated**  
2 **Service to the Village of Olympia Fields** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that

3 tonight we have two very special events taking place in our Communications and  
4 Petitions segment of the Agenda. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is very  
5 happy and pleased that everyone is here to share these two moments with us. She stated  
6 that the first item is an award presentation to our former Retired Chief Jeff Chudwin who  
7 for 38-years served the Village of Olympia Fields valiantly and with such  
8 professionalism, and such commitment and dedication to the residents of our town, as  
9 well as all of the staff here in the Village of Olympia Fields. Village President Meyers-  
10 Martin asked Chief Kickert and Trustee Gibson, Liaison to the Public Safety Committee  
11 to come forward.

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13 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that at the end of July we were saddened that our  
14 Chief, Jeff Chudwin, was leaving office in Olympia Fields. She stated that we certainly  
15 have appreciated all of his hard work, and his commitment, and certainly his expertise  
16 and his dedication to us. She stated that we didn't have the opportunity at that time to  
17 present you with this plaque and we certainly didn't want to be remiss in doing that. She  
18 stated that she appreciates everyone coming out tonight to share this event with us. The  
19 plaque reads as follows: "To Chief Jeffrey L. Chudwin with appreciation for 38 years of  
20 dedicated and honorable service to the Village of Olympia Fields Police Department  
21 1974 to 2012." (There was a standing ovation and a round of applause).

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23 Chief Randy Kickert stated as follows: "Your job is not as easy as a lot of people thought  
24 it was. You have no idea how much I miss you. Being Number 2 is a lot easier than being  
25 Number 1. Thanks a lot buddy." (There was a round of applause).

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27 Trustee Gibson as Liaison to the Public Safety Committee stated as follows: "I want to  
28 say how important it was in working with you during the few months that we had to work  
29 together, and during the whole time that you were here, because we have been friends all  
30 that time. I miss you very much and I hope you God Speed in all that you do, because I  
31 know you're going to be busy. Thank you so much." (There was a round of applause).

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33 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the  
34 entire Village, we are so proud of Chief Chudwin and certainly the work that he has done  
35 here in the Village. (There was a round of applause).

36  
37 Former Chief Chudwin stated as follows: "I want to thank our President and Board, all of  
38 you who are here tonight, our past Mayor, Linzey Jones, and now Judge Jones who is  
39 here tonight. And I have said this before; each of you has been an important cornerstone  
40 and a foundation in everything that I have done here. My wife, Nancy, who has had to  
41 endure this process in a loving and supportive way, not always easy of course. My mom  
42 and dad who have been residents here. As I said we moved into the Village in 1965. It  
43 has been such a wonderful partnership with everybody that's represented here. I could not  
44 have been more fortunate or more blessed to have been allowed the opportunity to serve  
45 this Village and all of you.

1 And what I know is this; no person occupies any one space indefinitely. You will be there  
2 for a period of time. And one of the things that I saw in leadership from my father who  
3 was the Chief of Radiology at Jackson Park Hospital for over 30 years, he said to me the  
4 day that President Jones appointed me as permanent Chief he said, “Jeff, the job will be  
5 easy. He said, “It will be dealing with all the people that will be difficult.” And how true  
6 that turned out to be. But the reality of it is, it is also a great joy in dealing with all the  
7 folks, because the new station we built is beautiful, but it’s bricks and mortar. It has its  
8 personality but it’s personality that President Jones let us put our stamp on. It will be here  
9 long after we are all gone. It’s the work that we do. The work that we do while we hold  
10 these positions.

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12 I look around. I am so proud of my officers that I see represented here. My Deputy Chief  
13 who is now our Chief stood behind me and assisted me, and stood with me for eleven and  
14 a half years. I couldn’t have done the things that we are going to celebrate tonight in  
15 terms of the World Trade Center Memorial, that couldn’t have happened had Randy not  
16 been there with me and assisted me. So it is so well-deserved that I see him standing here  
17 as Chief, and that I have this opportunity to speak tonight receiving this beautiful plaque  
18 and recognizing whatever I’ve done was because all of you did it with me. I did not do  
19 anything that was spectacular in and of itself. We did some spectacular things together. I  
20 think that is the most important thing we can take away from our time together.

21  
22 So Mayor, thank you so much for everything that you have allowed me to do, and taking  
23 the place of President Jones it has been a wonderful thing. I miss you all. But I also really  
24 enjoy getting up in the morning and saying I really don’t have to go in. That 24-hour a  
25 day job for the time being at least has been suspended.” (There was a round of applause).

26  
27 **Unveiling of the Village of Olympia Fields’ 9-11 Memorial** – Village President  
28 Meyers-Martin stated that our next item on the Agenda is our dedication to the World  
29 Trade Memorial. She stated that former Chief Chudwin was very instrumental in the  
30 Village receiving this from not only the actual towers in New York but by way of Oak  
31 Lawn. She thanked Oak Lawn for allowing the Village to have this honor to dedicate this  
32 Memorial to the World Trade Center. She stated that she hopes that it serves two  
33 purposes for the Village: 1. First and foremost is honoring all of the firefighters and the  
34 policemen who lost their lives that day, as well as all of the residents in the towers and all  
35 of the emergency service people. She hopes that we never forget that. She stated that this  
36 will serve to keep that in the forefront of our minds of what a terrible tragedy that was  
37 and that we must always remember the service that was provided that day.

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39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated secondly, she hopes that it assists us in  
40 maintaining that spirit. She stated that on 9-11 and just like when President Kennedy was  
41 shot, you know exactly what you were doing and what was happening that day. She  
42 hopes that everyone always remembers the spirit of America that day. She stated that we  
43 were all together. We were all unified. We were all dedicated back to the principles of the  
44 United States. She remembers that there was an up swell of love, unity, and peace among  
45 all of the citizens. She hopes that this Memorial will continue to bring that spirit to the  
46 Village of Olympia Fields, as well as the region, because that is so important for us to

1 move forward and to be the type of Nation, the type of State, the type of Village we want  
2 to be. She stated thank you again for helping us. (There was a round of applause).

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4 Former Chief Chudwin asked if he could relay the history of how this came about. He  
5 stated that some years ago he was reading an article in one of the police publications  
6 saying that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was considering making  
7 available a part of the World Trade Center to Villages, Towns and Cities around the  
8 country who would seek to build Memorials. He went to President Jones and he said,  
9 “Sir, what do you think about doing this?” President Jones direction was, “Jeff, I want  
10 you to get it done.” He said, “Now Jeff, nothing good ever happens fast.” Former Chief  
11 Chudwin stated that he pretty much subscribes to that and you move along at your own  
12 speed. He stated that every year the boss would come back and the President would say,  
13 “Jeff, what’s going on with that Memorial?” Former Chief Chudwin would say, “Boss,  
14 Randy and I are working on it.” He stated that as we approached the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary he  
15 was speaking with Chief Bill Villanova from Oak Lawn. Chief Villanova informed him  
16 that they brought by semi-trailer, two massive beams and that they were building a  
17 Memorial. Former Chief Chudwin stated that he wasn’t sure if it was possible, but he  
18 asked Chief Villanova if he would share with the Village of Olympia Fields some small  
19 portion of this, not knowing that it wouldn’t be small at all. Chief Villanova called him  
20 up and stated, “Why don’t you and Randy take a ride down?” They went down and met  
21 in Oak Lawn. They were taken aback by what was being offered through the generosity  
22 of the Village of Oak Lawn. He stated that Commander Dennis Doyle is here tonight  
23 representing the Chief and the Village. He thanked Commander Doyle. He asked that he  
24 take back to his Mayor, the Board, the Chief, all of the firefighters and the police officers  
25 our deep appreciation for what they have done. He stated that he was able to report back  
26 to President Jones that we were able to get this done. He stated to former President Jones  
27 that if it wasn’t for his initial kind of “Kick me in the butt, get me going,” he is not sure  
28 we would be here tonight. He stated that President Meyers-Martin continued that, “Let’s  
29 get it done.”

30  
31 Former Chief Chudwin stated that Trustee Ormsby stated to him, “Jeff, it’s not enough.  
32 We just will not display a cut beam because it means so much.” He stated that those of  
33 you that know Trustee Ormsby, when it comes to design no one takes a back seat to  
34 Trustee Ormsby. She is the best of the best that designed the building here. He wanted  
35 everybody to know the combined effort that went into this. He stated that he has not seen  
36 it yet, but he has no doubt that this is going to be something that a hundred years from  
37 now others will look at and say, “Those folks a hundred years ago, they obviously had it  
38 together.” (There was a round of applause).

39  
40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to thank and welcome the  
41 Honorable Linzey Jones who is here tonight. She stated that we appreciate you coming  
42 out as well as everyone else. (There was a round of applause).

43  
44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Trustee Ormsby was instrumental in putting  
45 together the piece that we will be seeing.

1 Trustee Ormsby stated that former Chief Chudwin and Chief Kickert worked very hard  
2 with her on the wording along with Trustee Gibson. She stated that we took little baby  
3 steps to get it together. They worked until they thought it was perfect. She hopes that  
4 everyone else thinks that it is perfect. She stated that when it was first brought here and  
5 we saw it you are so moved by it. She stated that we knew it needed a permanent home.  
6 She stated that she believes it has one now and she believes that you are going to like it.  
7 Trustee Ormsby thanked former Chief Chudwin for letting the Village have it here  
8 permanently for a long time.

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10 Former Chief Chudwin stated that Michael Hogan is not here tonight. He is on the Public  
11 Safety Committee. He brought him a set of pins that was made by the Secret Service. He  
12 was part of the task force after September 11<sup>th</sup>. He is wearing one of the pins tonight.  
13 There is a whole series of pins from New York. It is a pin representing the United States  
14 and the Twin Towers. He thought that it would be appropriate that it would be worn  
15 tonight and then retired back to its case.

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17 Trustee Ormsby stated that when she first went to the fabricator to have it fabricated it  
18 came in way above our Budget. This is someone that she does a lot of work with. She  
19 stated that we came back and looked at it, and came up with a number that the Village  
20 would be comfortable with. Joe, the President at TTS gifted over \$3,000.00 back to the  
21 Village. She stated that part of it is a gift from TTS Granite. She stated that they certainly  
22 need a thank you. It is so pretty because of them.

23  
24 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Chief Angell from the Chicago Heights Fire  
25 Department and Assistant Fire Chief Kozlowski for coming this evening. She stated that  
26 we appreciate you coming and sharing this special moment with us. (At this time  
27 everyone went out into the lobby for the unveiling of the Memorial).

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin read the plaque that is mounted on the wall by the  
30 Memorial. The plaque reads as follows: "This is the steel I-Beam from the fallen World  
31 Trade Towers presented to Police Chief Jeffrey Chudwin and the Village of Olympia  
32 Fields from the Village of Oak Lawn by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.  
33 The Village of Olympia Fields honors the 2,536 victims and the 441 First Responders  
34 who gave their lives on September 11, 2001." Village President Meyers-Martin stated as  
35 follows: "I am so proud and honored to have this in our Village Hall. And I certainly  
36 hope that all the residents can come here and appreciate the meaning, and renew the spirit  
37 of patriotism and unity in the United States." (At this time the Memorial was unveiled  
38 and there was a round of applause).

39  
40 Former Chief Chudwin stated that when we talked about this, there was discussion to  
41 encase it in some type of case. He stated that you should be able to walk up and put your  
42 hand on it. It is something very special. And you will feel it. There is a power, and there  
43 is resilience, and there is a spirit that resides in this.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we encourage you to touch it. That is why it  
46 was designed this way.

1 Trustee Ormsby stated that it has been polished. She stated that when they got it, you  
2 could barely touch it because of the very sharp shards. It was former Chief Chudwin’s  
3 wish that people come right up to it and touch it. She stated that when you do, it is a little  
4 overwhelming. She stated that we are so proud to have it. She stated that this is  
5 temporary. We did not have time to have the formal one finished. We will have this  
6 framed and give that to former Chief Chudwin. Trustee Ormsby stated that she hopes that  
7 you enjoy it. She encouraged people to touch it and to visit it often. She stated that we are  
8 very proud of it. She stated that the wording is exactly what former Chief Chudwin  
9 wanted. (There was a round of applause).

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11 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to thank the Village of Oak Lawn  
12 for providing that opportunity to us. She asked that Commander Doyle convey that to the  
13 Village. (There was a round of applause).

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15 Trustee Ormsby stated that she wants people to enjoy it and to come and see it often. She  
16 stated that this is a solid granite piece all the way around. The etching was part of the  
17 donation from TTS. She stated that we are thrilled to have it. She stated that all we could  
18 afford was the wording. It is polished everywhere. She stated that we did not want to take  
19 away from the integrity. She stated that it is much smoother than what it was. She stated  
20 that it is anchored permanently here.

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22 Former Chief Chudwin stated that when we did this we had three of the Sergeants from  
23 the Emergency Services Unit from New York with us who were there that day. They  
24 said, “When we arrived at the scene and it was chaos. Half of our men, Supervisors ran to  
25 the left and we ran to the right. They never came back.” He stated that it was just fate that  
26 day that they would decide to turn one way and they would decide to turn another way.

27  
28 Trustee Ormsby stated that when this was being fabricated it stayed at TTS for  
29 protection. They said to Trustee Ormsby, “You really need to get this out of here. We are  
30 so worried about having it in here. People keep coming and looking at it and looking at it.  
31 People are overwhelmed by it.” She stated that she is overwhelmed by it. She stated that  
32 it is hard to believe that the pictures we saw on television and that’s a piece of it. She  
33 stated that it’s a great accomplishment to have it and it’s here. She stated thank you so  
34 much.

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36 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked everyone for sharing this with us. (There was a  
37 round of applause). There were no other members of the public that wished to address the  
38 Board. Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:40  
39 P.M.

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41 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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43 **5(A) Recommendation for a Partial Waiver of Lien and Payment of Invoice**  
44 **#GE11245-04 to Gallagher Asphalt for work completed in connection with The**  
45 **Traditions Subdivision Road Construction & Right-of-Way Improvements IKE**  
46 **Community Stabilization Program Grant 08-357006 in the amount of \$18,410.87.**

1 **5(B) Recommendation for a Partial Waiver of Lien and Payment of Invoice #4419 to**  
2 **Knowles Construction Inc. for work completed in connection with the Olympia**  
3 **Fields Country Club Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$25,520.34.**  
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5 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have a Consent Agenda which are items  
6 considered to be routine by the Village of Olympia Fields.

7 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve items 5(A) and**  
8 **5(B).**

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

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11 **FINANCE:**  
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13 **May 2012 Financial Statements – Corporate Fund** - Trustee Pennington stated that he  
14 will be reporting tonight on the Village’s financial position ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 and  
15 June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This financial summary details periods one and two of the Village of  
16 Olympia Fields 2013 Budget. He stated that beginning with the Corporate Fund, May  
17 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012; the Village budgeted and closed the month of May in deficit status. Actual  
18 fund revenue was favorable to Budget Projections by \$85,579.00 or 25% of Plan. The  
19 Village’s Plan Revenue Budget for May was \$255,550.92. The Village’s actual realized  
20 revenue for this period was \$341,051.71. In reviewing the Village’s core revenue  
21 generators: Sales Tax Revenue was unfavorable to Budget Plan by 9%. The Village’s  
22 May Budget Figure for Sales Tax was \$52,083.34. The Village’s actual realized amount  
23 was \$47,423.62. State Income Tax Revenue was favorable to Budget Projections by 59%.  
24 The Village’s Plan Budget Figure in this line item was \$31,666.67. The Village’s actual  
25 realized revenue was \$77,812.90. Real Estate Tax Revenue in May was favorable to  
26 Budget Plan by \$19,818.80. The Building Permit Revenue was favorable to Budget Plan  
27 by \$3,117.00. Local Use Tax was unfavorable to Budget Projections by 10%; \$5,833.34  
28 budgeted to \$5,250.30 actual. Utility Tax Revenue was also unfavorable to May Budget  
29 Projections by 26%. Our Budget for this line item was \$33,333.34. The Village realized  
30 \$24,647.66 in revenue. Towing and Impound Revenue was unfavorable to Budget Plan  
31 by 46%. The Village’s Revenue Budget for this line item was \$25,833.34. The Village’s  
32 realized Towing and Impound Revenue for May was \$14,000.00. Revenue from the  
33 Village’s RedFlex Operation was also unfavorable to Plan by 22%. Wireless Revenue  
34 was unfavorable to Budget Projections by 79%. Corporate Fund Expense actual was  
35 favorable to Budget Projections by \$35,783.33, or 9% of Plan. The Village’s Plan  
36 Expense Budget for May was set at \$387,109.76. The Village’s actual incurred expense  
37 in this fund was \$351,326.43. He stated when comparing total revenue incurred with total  
38 expense incurred; the Village realized a total fund deficit of \$10,274.72, or 3% of  
39 revenue to expense realized. The Village’s Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in  
40 the Corporate Fund ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, is a deficit, \$10,274.72.  
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42 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Water Fund ending  
43 May 31, 2012, the Village closed May in surplus status. The Village’s Revenue Budget  
44 for May was unfavorable to Budget Projections by \$1,776.00, or 1% of Plan. May’s  
45 Projected Revenue Budget in this fund was set at \$134,758.75. The Village realized  
46 actual water revenue of \$132,983.19. Expenses in the Water Fund were favorable to

1 Budget Projections by \$68,025.00, or 64% of Plan. The Village's Expense Budget  
2 Projections was \$106,927.37. The Village's realized expense was \$38,902.42. Trustee  
3 Pennington stated that when comparing the actual total fund revenue with actual total  
4 fund expense, the Village closed the month of May in surplus status in the amount of  
5 \$94,080.77. The Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the Water Fund is a  
6 surplus \$94,080.77.

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8 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Sewer Fund, the Village  
9 closed the month of May in deficit status in this fund. The Village's Revenue Budget in  
10 the Sewer Fund was projected at \$83,640.09, with projected expenses of \$37,875.53. This  
11 resulted in a Projected Total Fund Surplus of \$45,764.56, or 55% of Plan. The Village's  
12 actual realized revenue was unfavorable to Budget Projections by 19%. The Village's  
13 actual realized revenue in the Sewer Fund for May was \$67,788.67 as compared to the  
14 budget figure of \$83,640.09. Actual expenses were unfavorable to Budget Plan by 58%.  
15 Actual fund expense incurred was \$91,250.91 as compared to the Budget Sum of  
16 \$37,875.53. This resulted in a total fund deficit actual of \$23,462.24. The Village's Fiscal  
17 Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the Sewer Fund for the month ending May 31<sup>st</sup>,  
18 is a deficit \$23,462.24.

19  
20 **June 2012 Financial Statements – Corporate Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that he  
21 will now be reporting on the financials ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Trustee Pennington stated  
22 that beginning with the Corporate Fund, the Village closed the month of June in surplus  
23 status. Actual fund revenue was favorable to Budget Projections by 5%. The Village's  
24 Plan Revenue Budget for June was set at \$357,700.92. The Village's actual realized  
25 revenue for this period was \$376,712.14, a \$19,011.00 increase. Corporate Fund Expense  
26 actual was unfavorable to Budget Projections by \$42,526.89, or 12% of Plan. The  
27 Village's Plan Expense Budget for June was set at \$322,237.42. The Village's actual  
28 incurred expense in this fund was \$364,764.31. He stated when comparing total revenue  
29 incurred with total expense incurred; the Village realized a total fund surplus of  
30 \$11,947.83, or 3% of revenue to expense. The Village's Fiscal Year to date actual plus  
31 encumbrance in the Corporate Fund is a surplus, \$11,947.83.

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33 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Water Fund, the Village  
34 closed June in deficit status. The Village's Revenue Budget for June was unfavorable to  
35 Budget Projections by \$36,943.73, or 27% of Plan. June's Projected Revenue Budget in  
36 this fund was set at \$134,758.75. The Village realized actual water revenue of  
37 \$97,815.02. Expenses in the Water Fund were unfavorable to Budget Projections by  
38 \$50,810.06, or 37% of Plan. The Village's Expense Budget Projections was \$87,130.37.  
39 The Village's realized expense was \$137,940.43. Trustee Pennington stated that when  
40 comparing the actual total fund revenue with actual total fund expense, the Village closed  
41 the month of June in deficit status in the amount of \$40,125.41. The Fiscal Year to date  
42 actual plus encumbrance in the Water Fund is a surplus \$53,955.36.

43  
44 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with respect to the Sewer Fund, the Village  
45 budgeted for and closed the month of June in deficit status in this fund. The Village's  
46 Projected Revenue Budget was \$83,640.09, with projected expenses of \$156,652.40. This



1 resulted in a Projected Total Fund Deficit of \$73,012.31, or 47% of Plan. The Village's  
2 actual realized revenue was unfavorable to Budget Projections by 31%. The Village's  
3 actual realized revenue in the Sewer Fund for June was \$57,653.68 as compared to the  
4 budget figure of \$83,640.09. Actual expenses were unfavorable to Budget Plan by 24%.  
5 Actual fund expense incurred was \$205,862.35 as compared to the Budget Sum of  
6 \$156,652.40. Trustee Pennington stated that when comparing total revenues incurred  
7 with total expenses incurred, the Village realized a total deficit actual of \$148,208.67.  
8 The Village's Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the Sewer Fund for the  
9 month ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, is a deficit \$171,670.91.

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11 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not RedFlex is in operation  
12 with the construction or if it was turned off. Trustee Pennington stated that he did not  
13 know.

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15 Administrator Mekarski stated that the RedFlex on Orchard is turned off right now. It has  
16 been off for the summer. He stated that we are in the process of putting a new camera on  
17 Western Avenue and Lincoln Highway. He stated that we are hoping that will be installed  
18 towards the end of the summer or early fall.

19  
20 Trustee Ormsby stated that it was always our thought that we would watch that, and if it  
21 was more expensive to keep it going we would review that and take that away if it cost us  
22 money to keep it there.

23  
24 Trustee Pennington stated certainly the construction in the area had its impact. He stated  
25 that in the month of May the RedFlex Projections were down 22%. June it was down  
26 68%. Trustee Ormsby stated that it was off in May and June then. Trustee Pennington  
27 stated that it certainly did impact the revenue that would come in off of that line item.

28  
29 Trustee Gibson stated that her understanding from former Chief Chudwin was that  
30 particular RedFlex Camera was going to be down from April until the end of the  
31 construction. She stated that in order to get it back again, we have to reapply.

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33 Administrator Mekarski stated that Trustee Gibson is correct. He stated that they have  
34 completed lane improvements at Park Forest at that intersection. He stated that it changes  
35 the geometrics of the entire intersection, and could have an effect on whether we would  
36 be considered to be warranted for the reinstallation of that camera.

37  
38 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there was discussion at one time when the  
39 Village was considering the RedFlex Camera at Route 30 and Western and its close  
40 proximity to the one on Orchard. She stated that we will be evaluating what happens with  
41 that camera at Route 30 and Western and that will probably determine whether we ever  
42 reconsider going back to the camera at Orchard Drive. She stated that with the RedFlex  
43 Cameras you have to expect a decrease in the activity there because people are learning  
44 that they shouldn't be going through red lights. The goal was to stop people from going  
45 through lights because it is very dangerous. She stated that a red light is not a suggestion  
46 it is the law. She stated that we have found that the cameras were generally going to teach

1 that lesson and it is a good thing. She stated that we will evaluate what goes on at Route  
2 30 and Western as it relates to that RedFlex Camera.

3  
4 Trustee Pennington stated that the implementation of the RedFlex operation was not  
5 designed as a revenue generating income stream for the Village. It was a deterrent for the  
6 fast moving traffic that was coming down these streets and roadways. He stated that is  
7 certainly happening here in the Village. Trustee Pennington stated yes, we will see a  
8 “declining of revenue” as more and more drivers are made aware of the positioning of  
9 these cameras.

10  
11 Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not the Village has done any  
12 studies to determine whether or not the accident rates have changed. Trustee Pennington  
13 stated that he could not answer that question. Trustee Waite stated that it is his  
14 understanding the accident rates have generally not had an impact. Trustee Pennington  
15 inquired of Trustee Waite if he was referring to accident rates here in Olympia Fields or  
16 overall. Trustee Waite stated overall. Trustee Pennington stated that he thought the more  
17 salient point would be to take a study of those accident rates here in the Village vis-a-vis  
18 an overall calculation. Trustee Waite stated that going through red lights and having that  
19 being reduced; you would think that it would reduce the accident rate. He stated that you  
20 don’t know that if nobody ever takes a look. He stated that is the key measurement, not  
21 making the assumption that just because people aren’t running red lights that there are  
22 fewer accidents.

23  
24 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is a suggestion that we can undertake as we  
25 go forward with the new camera to find out. She stated as Trustee Waite stated if there  
26 hasn’t been any decrease in accidents then what has been the benefit.

27  
28 Trustee Oliver stated that there has been a steady decline in the last couple of months  
29 with the actual for the Wireless Revenue. He stated that there is a huge difference.  
30 Trustee Oliver inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not he had any idea what was  
31 causing that.

32  
33 Administrator Mekarski stated that we just got a notice from Nextel today that they will  
34 be discontinuing their Nextel Contract with the Village. He stated that Nextel had merged  
35 with Sprint. They were running parallel antennas. Over the last few months they have  
36 been transferring the antenna power technology to run independently on the one tower  
37 that the Village has for Sprint. He is assuming that as that process was evolving it was  
38 affecting the revenue streams. The contract will be terminated. He stated that he doesn’t  
39 have a specific figure but that may affect the Village anywhere from \$10,000.00 to  
40 \$20,000.00 annually.

41  
42 Trustee Pennington stated that will certainly impact the Wireless Revenue. He stated that  
43 if you look at the numbers in May and June, you see a 79% reduction in May and a 79%  
44 reduction in June. He stated that given the timing of the announcement of the cessation of  
45 our contract it impacted the months of May and June. He stated that we have to wait and  
46 see how much more that impacts the Village going forward in July and August.

1 Trustee Oliver inquired of Trustee Pennington if it was the tower on Western Avenue.  
2 Trustee Ormsby stated yes, that's T-Mobile.

3  
4 **Treasurer's Report – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter** – Trustee Pennington stated that he had one more  
5 item. In the Board Packet is a Report from the Treasurer, Don Theobald, detailing the  
6 Treasurer's Report of cash balances. The report says that the cash balances for the  
7 Village of Olympia Fields are in sound order. There is a total cash balance fund in the  
8 amount of \$4,374,250.76. Page 4 indicates the cash disbursements by financial  
9 institutions. That totals \$4,763,226.52. He stated that the cash balances for the Village of  
10 Olympia Fields are sound.

11  
12 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Pennington if our Asset Forfeiture is just catch up.  
13 Trustee Pennington stated that the Asset Forfeiture, those funds are coming out of our  
14 General Fund to pay the salaries and expenses for our police officer assigned to Asset  
15 Forfeiture. When those Asset Forfeiture Funds come in, then those funds will be paid  
16 back to the General Fund. Trustee Pennington stated that for example, you see the  
17 amount of \$40,429.00 and the Interfund amount of \$134,823.00. The Interfund figure is a  
18 loan from the General Fund to Asset Forfeiture. He stated that once the Asset Forfeiture  
19 Funds comes in from the Federal Government, then that \$134,823.00 will be paid back  
20 into the General Fund. That will eventually net out to zero once we get the funds in to  
21 offset it.

22  
23 Administrator Mekarski stated that we are behind in Federal DAGS. He stated that last  
24 year we put in a number of capital improvements. He stated that three-quarters of our  
25 parking lot has been paid with drug intervention money. He stated that three-quarters of  
26 the debt service of this building is paid with drug intervention money through Customs  
27 and the Treasury Department. He stated that anytime there is a drug seizure and cash is  
28 involved, one of our officers participates in that program. Their salary is paid 100% by  
29 the Federal Government and it is reimbursed. He stated that if 10 officers are involved,  
30 we will get one-tenth of the proceeds of any cash collected in that seizure. He stated that  
31 this building and the parking lot is largely being paid through the intervention of  
32 criminals.

33  
34 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Monument was paid for by the Asset Forfeiture Fund.  
35 Administrator Mekarski stated that our search for the Police Chief will be coming out of  
36 that fund as well. He stated that public tax dollars are not being used for all of those  
37 activities.

38  
39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that as former Police Chief Chudwin use to say,  
40 "Make the bad guys pay for it."

41  
42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that in the essence of time we have a report  
43 coming from Trustee Gibson with Public Safety regarding the Application Process for the  
44 Olympia Fields Police Academy. She stated that in the audience are Officer Dan Kickert  
45 and Officer Sean Barry. Officer Kickert is on midnights tonight. She stated that we would  
46 like to let him go home and get some rest.

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to amend the Agenda to go**  
2 **right to Public Safety with Trustee Gibson.**

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

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6 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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8 **Application Process for the Olympia Fields Police Academy** – Trustee Gibson stated  
9 that she didn't know if the Board received via e-mail the forms to be used for the Citizen  
10 Police Academy. She stated that she has the forms for the Board, Village President and  
11 the Village Administrator. Trustee Gibson asked Officer Dan Kickert to give everyone an  
12 overview of what the Olympia Fields Citizen Police Academy is all about.

13  
14 Officer Dan Kickert stated that the Olympia Fields Citizen Police Academy is an effort  
15 that was started by him and Officer Garcia. Officer Sean Barry will be assisting them. It  
16 is a program that is designed to help the police officers of the Village and the citizens of  
17 the Village work better together. He stated that you hear reports about crime going up in  
18 towns around us. He stated that we do what we can to keep the crime rate down. He  
19 stated that there are not enough officers to be everywhere at one time. He stated that  
20 through the program they would like to train citizens as to what suspicious activity is.  
21 The citizens will be better able to help the police. The citizens will know what to look  
22 for. They will have a better understanding of what the police do. The police are hoping to  
23 learn from the citizens. They want to have a valuable pipeline of communication going  
24 back and forth to the police and to the citizens so that we can all be better informed on  
25 what is going on in the Village.

26  
27 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Officer Kickert if he would tell everyone  
28 week-by-week what the classes will be like. Officer Kickert stated that the first week will  
29 be an introduction. There will be a Police Department tour and the Ride A-Long  
30 Program. They want to have a picture of all of the officers on the department. They want  
31 the citizens to tour the police department and see a little bit behind the scenes. The Ride  
32 A-Long Program is where the citizen would ride along with the police officer while they  
33 are on duty. He stated that Week 2 they will talk about what happens when you call 911  
34 at SouthCom. The Dispatchers will ask a lot of questions when you call 911. The police  
35 will explain why they need to know certain things.

36  
37 Officer Kickert stated that Week 3 will be Patrol, Use of Force, Taser, and K9  
38 Operations. It will be a general overview of why they patrol and how they patrol. They  
39 will learn what force the officers are allowed to use and when they can use force. They  
40 will explain how the Taser works. They will dispel some myths there. They will get to  
41 meet Officer Metzger and his partner Lars. He stated that Week 4 is a tour of the Chicago  
42 Heights Fire Department. They cover fire protection. There will be some Public Safety  
43 from them as far as what you can do to better protect yourself from fires.

44  
45 Officer Kickert stated that Week 5 will be Traffic Law, Traffic Enforcement and  
46 Accidents. The department is part of the S.M.A.R.T. Team. That is the Suburban Major

1 Accident Reconstruction Team. He stated that it is amazing what they can do. They  
2 reconstruct how an accident happened. They will also cover D.U.I. Enforcement. He  
3 stated that Week 6 they will cover Domestic Violence/Abuse and the different shelters  
4 that are available in the community. He stated that Week 7 they will go over  
5 Investigations and what Evidence Technicians do, and the Major Crimes Task Force  
6 which covers homicides in the south suburbs. He stated that will show you what C.S.I.  
7 can do and what we can do. He stated that there is a big difference.

8  
9 Officer Kickert stated that Week 8 will cover Firearms Safety. The citizens might go to a  
10 Firearms Range. They have to work that out with the Board and with the range. The  
11 number one goal in the academy is safety. They don't want anybody to get hurt. He stated  
12 that Week 9 will be the "Don't Be a Victim" Class. They will cover Identify Theft,  
13 Residential Burglary and how to perform Neighborhood Watch. He stated that residential  
14 burglaries and identify theft are the two most common problems in the Village for the  
15 residents. They will tell you how to protect yourself from both of those crimes as best as  
16 you can and if you suspect something what you can do. He stated that Week 10 will end  
17 in December and that will be graduation.

18  
19 Trustee Pennington inquired of Officer Kickert with regard to the Ride A-Long Program  
20 if they checked with IRMA with respect to the Village's liability with respect to any  
21 citizen riding along with a patrol officer.

22  
23 Officer Kickert stated that we do have a Ride A-Long Program in place right now where  
24 citizens can ride along. He stated that it is not widely utilized. They have a standard  
25 Waiver Form for people to sign-off on. They can check with IRMA. Officer Barry stated  
26 that we can provide the Waiver to the Board. Trustee Pennington stated that he thought it  
27 would be a good idea to look at the verbiage on the Waiver to see if there are any  
28 exclusions or anything of that nature as it relates to IRMA. He believes that he has seen  
29 the Waiver and that it is pretty strong.

30  
31 Officer Kickert stated that there are two Waivers. One is for the Citizen Academy and  
32 there is a separate one for the Ride A-Long. Trustee Pennington stated that we need to  
33 see the Waiver for the Ride A-Long. Trustee Pennington stated that he believes that it is a  
34 great program.

35 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to amend the rules and**  
36 **allow members of the public to speak at this time.**

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

38  
39 Mrs. Helen Burlson inquired of the officers what is happening with 911. She was in her  
40 own community and she saw two cars parked. She saw a young lady get into the trunk.  
41 She was very concerned. She didn't know if the young lady did it as a prank or if she was  
42 forced to do it. She called 911. At first they didn't answer at all. She called again. She  
43 stated that a number came up on her cell phone that was unfamiliar. It didn't say "911."  
44 She stated that the operator wasn't able to do anything. When she told him that she was in  
45 Olympia Fields he stated that he would connect her with the Olympia Fields Police

1 Department. She stated that by this time the car had gone and she couldn't get a license  
2 number or anything.

3  
4 Officer Kickert stated that when you call 911 from a cell phone it triangulates to three  
5 different towers. He stated that you are better off calling from a landline then it will go to  
6 SouthCom Dispatch. Mrs. Burleson stated that she was in her car. Officer Kickert asked  
7 Mrs. Burleson to provide him with her name, address, and cell phone number and he will  
8 look into it with SouthCom Dispatch and try to get an answer for her.

9  
10 Dr. Ernie Gibson stated that he believes it is an excellent program. Dr. Gibson inquired of  
11 the officers how they are going to market the program and create awareness to the  
12 general community. Officer Kickert stated that they were at the National Night Out. They  
13 spoke with J.T. Malak from the Park District. Mr. Malak is willing to help them market  
14 it. Officer Garcia developed a flyer. They are going to be seeking the Board's permission  
15 in the future to distribute the flyer to businesses. They will be putting an ad on the  
16 Village's Website. They had an article published in the last publication of The Villager.

17  
18 A woman in the audience stated that it sounds considerably more like a Watch Dog  
19 Group. She inquired of the officers what authority the participants will have. Officer  
20 Kickert stated that the participants will have no authority. It is simply a learning  
21 experience so that the citizens can learn a little bit more about what the officers do. The  
22 officers can learn a little bit more about the needs and expectations of the residents.

23  
24 Trustee Ormsby inquired of the officers whether or not there are other Villages  
25 surrounding Olympia Fields that have this program implemented now. Officer Kickert  
26 stated that Homewood has been doing one for many, many years. Officer Barry  
27 participated in that program. Officer Kickert and Officer Garcia attended the program in  
28 Flossmoor last year to learn how to do this.

29  
30 Trustee Ormsby inquired of the officers the number of participants that were in the other  
31 programs. Officer Kickert stated that Homewood has a larger class. They have a larger  
32 population. Flossmoor shoots for 25 to 30 participants. He has spoken to departments  
33 from Skokie, Illinois to South Bend, Indiana. The ideal class size is 20 to 30 participants.  
34 He stated that for the Village's first class they plan on keeping it at 20 participants.

35  
36 Officer Barry stated that about 11-years ago when he was in college he went through the  
37 program in Homewood. He stated that it was an excellent program. The Village's  
38 Program is based pretty much on the program that Homewood has. He stated that it was a  
39 fascinating learning experience. It opened his eyes to aspects of law enforcement that he  
40 wasn't aware of. He stated that it is an awesome learning experience and a lot of fun. He  
41 stated that we have some spirited and fruitful discussions when it comes to the law and  
42 use of force. The citizens learn a lot of procedures that the police have to follow pursuant  
43 to State and Federal Law. He believes that it would be a great asset to the Village. He  
44 believes that it would help to bring the citizenry of the Village and the police department  
45 closer together.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the ideal class size is 20. She inquired of the  
2 officers what the minimum amount of people they will work with in order for the class to  
3 go forward.

4  
5 Officer Kickert stated that they have discussed it. It will be a judgment call when it  
6 happens. They need a minimum class size of 12 to 15 in order to have a healthy  
7 discussion and healthy participation.

8  
9 Trustee Gibson inquired of Officer Kickert whether or not the application process is first  
10 come, first serve. Officer Kickert stated that is correct.

11  
12 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Officer Kickert whether or not they have  
13 thought about the time of day or evening that these classes will take place. Officer  
14 Kickert stated that once they get the applications they are going to reach out to the  
15 applicants to see if there is a day of the week that better suits them or a certain time of  
16 day that better suits them. He stated that if 90% of the applicants pick a Thursday for the  
17 class they will go with that. They will have to try to be flexible since it will be the  
18 inaugural class. They are hoping that the inaugural class will help them get the word out  
19 on the program as well.

20  
21 Trustee Oliver suggested that in addition to the PR that they are currently doing, he  
22 suggested that they contact the Presidents of the Homeowners Associations to give them  
23 a much broader cross section of the Village. Officer Kickert stated that they have been in  
24 touch with the Presidents of the Homeowners Associations via e-mail. They spoke with  
25 two Homeowners Associations. He stated that the Arcadia Homeowners Association was  
26 very enthusiastic. They are waiting until they get everything approved. They would like  
27 to get a handful of residents from each of the Homeowners Associations.

28  
29 Trustee Ormsby inquired of the officers whether or not the residents would pick up the  
30 applications at Village Hall. Officer Kickert stated that they would like to have the  
31 applications available at the front window at the Village Hall and at the police  
32 department. Administrator Mekarski stated that you could have them available on the  
33 Village's Website.

34 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Application,**  
35 **Information Release, Waiver Document and Curriculum/Schedule as prepared by**  
36 **Officer Garcia of the Olympia Fields Police Department.**

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

38  
39 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked the officers and stated that she hopes that they  
40 have lots of participants. Administrator Mekarski stated good job. (There was a round of  
41 applause).

42 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to go back into Regular**  
43 **Session.**

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

1 **BUILDING:**

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3 **On Going and New Projects Update** – Trustee Ormsby stated that you have a Memo in  
4 the Board Packet going through the projects that have been going on throughout the  
5 summer.

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7 **Demo – 20000 Governors Highway** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the demo next door is  
8 moving along. They have done some grading. Part of the problem is they didn't get to it  
9 in a timely manner and the Village suspended their Permit and they had to come back to  
10 the Village to get another Permit. She stated that the Permit costs money and it behooves  
11 them to get the work all done. The Permits are issued for a certain amount of time.  
12 Trustee Ormsby stated that this was a major project. It has been going on for several  
13 months.

14  
15 **Update on the Family Dollar Store** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she checks on this at  
16 least once a week. There is a delay right now due to the way that they need to use the  
17 easement in the back of their property. The easement was not part of their property. There  
18 was some discussion with Mr. Salamone as to how they go about that. There are some  
19 legal issues that they are going through. As far as the Village knows everything is in  
20 order. Trustee Ormsby stated that she wants to get this business into the Village. It is  
21 going to be a huge improvement to the blighted building where Blockbuster use to be.  
22 The Village placed a lot of parameters on how the building should look. She stated that it  
23 is going to be a very nice store and she is anxious to get them in the Village. She stated  
24 that this is a little glitch. Everything was in order a month ago and this has slowed the  
25 process down. She stated to keep your fingers crossed that everything goes smoothly with  
26 that.

27  
28 **Tolentine Monastery** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the Tolentine Monastery was sold to  
29 All Nations Assembly. They have applied for several Building Permits with the Building  
30 Department. The plans are being reviewed for compliance with the Site Plan Review  
31 Committee and with the Village's Building Codes. She stated that what they want to do  
32 over there is complicated. She does not see any action on this for a while. The building is  
33 old and it is not sprinkled. They have a lot of work to do. It is sold and the Village is in  
34 the process of getting an Escrow Account for all of the review that is going to be  
35 necessary.

36  
37 **St. James Hospital** – Trustee Ormsby stated that St. James Hospital has submitted a  
38 Permit Application for renovation of their surgical rooms. That will be a Million Dollar  
39 upgrade to their Surgical Department. She stated that the hospital is very important to the  
40 Village. They are trying very hard to make this the hospital of choice. Trustee Ormsby is  
41 delighted to see that they are doing this.

42  
43 **Senescent Healthcare LLC - Proposal for an Alzheimer Assisted Care Facility** –  
44 Trustee Ormsby stated that at the last meeting Mr. Lirtzman and Mr. Kaufman spoke  
45 regarding the Alzheimer Assisted Care Facility. The Village has not heard from them.  
46 They assume that they are still working through the property. She stated that we will talk



1 with them in a couple of weeks. Mr. McDonnell felt that it would take a few months to  
2 get that all straightened out. She is anxious for that project because she believes that it  
3 will be a tremendous asset to the Village. She stated that they are a very good company.  
4 She will keep the Board updated on that.

5  
6 **CVS Update** – Trustee Ormsby stated that there are a couple of things that are not on the  
7 Agenda. She stated that CVS has been very disappointing in their perimeter and how  
8 their upkeep has been. Their flower beds were full of weeds and very untidy. Their  
9 grasses look bad, not cared for. She stated that many, many times when you walk into the  
10 store there isn't anyone anywhere near the front. You have to search for someone.  
11 Reginald Ford had a meeting with their regional person and they cleaned up their flower  
12 beds immediately. They have had a change in management. She will be revisiting this  
13 situation with them in the next two to three weeks. She stated that it is unacceptable. The  
14 building is a terrific looking building. She stated that this summer it has looked so  
15 shabby. She is aware that there is a drought but she can't have things with weeds in them  
16 in this pretty Village. She stated that it is disappointing what goes on in that store that  
17 there aren't people there to help you. She stated that it is very hard to support a store that  
18 is not taking care of its own self. She stated that we are on top of it. They are watching it.

19  
20 **Walgreens Update** – Trustee Ormsby stated that they have had conversations with  
21 Walgreens about keeping their store pristine, pretty, and clean. She stated that she is  
22 watching with an Eagle eye. She stated that no store should be allowed to be in the  
23 Village and not keep to the standards that every resident is expected to do. She stated that  
24 if anyone has any complaints she wants to hear about them. If there are store owners that  
25 are not doing their job and if the store doesn't look clean she wants to hear about it. She  
26 stated that we will do everything possible to get them up to speed.

27  
28 **Shell Station at Western and Route 30** - Trustee Pennington stated that you might want  
29 to add the Shell Station at Western and Route 30. He stated that their outside area is just  
30 filthy. There is trash. He has seen unmentionable items in the parking lot. Trustee  
31 Pennington inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not that is the same owner.

32  
33 Administrator Mekarski stated yes, Nick Tanglis. He stated that one phone call and he  
34 will have that corrected in 48-hours. Trustee Ormsby stated that when he came before the  
35 Board to sell liquor she was crystal clear that they had to maintain the perimeter and keep  
36 that bar up. She will have Reginald Ford look into that. She stated that she needs to set  
37 meetings with these people.

38  
39 Trustee Ormsby stated that the gas station that is on Vollmer just north of Kedzie is  
40 jammed with cars and you can barely pull into it. She was there the other day and they  
41 are as clean as a whistle and doing their part. She stated that those people need to be  
42 thanked for what they are doing.

43  
44 **Naturale Hair Salon** – Trustee Oliver stated that he was shown a picture over the  
45 weekend of the Naturale Hair Salon. There was leakage from the roof into the women's  
46 restroom. He stated that if you speak to the patrons there they almost need to have an

1 umbrella to use the facilities. He stated that you could see mold in the picture. He stated  
2 that it warrants some investigation.

3  
4 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or not they are subject to an  
5 inspection. Trustee Ormsby stated only if they complain. She stated we wouldn't know  
6 that was going on unless somebody complained about it. Trustee Ormsby stated that she  
7 would send Mr. McDonnell over to look at it.

8  
9 **Signs at Bizios** – Trustee Nale inquired of Trustee Ormsby whether or not the signs  
10 along Governors Highway by Bizios will be taken down. Trustee Ormsby stated as soon  
11 as we approve the Sign Ordinance. Trustee Ormsby and Trustee Gibson are working  
12 weekly on getting the signage approved. She stated that unfortunately it has to go back to  
13 the attorney again. They will get it to the Board in a month.

14  
15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is glad that we continue to stay on the  
16 business owners in town. She stated that if we tell you the standards that the Village has,  
17 we shouldn't have to go back and tell them again. She stated that we are in a business  
18 relationship. The businesses are in the Village and they are licensed by the Village, and  
19 therefore they need to maintain those standards. The standards don't change. She has had  
20 this discussion with Reginald Ford regarding CVS because she has been there when their  
21 trash containers were overflowing onto the ground.

22  
23 Trustee Ormsby stated that we have photos and we have proof. She stated that they were  
24 very quick to get out here because they were going to be fined. She stated that we want to  
25 encourage business here. She is not going to encourage anybody to come if they can't  
26 keep to the standards of this Village. She stated that is not acceptable.

27  
28 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Wellness Center has moved over to those  
29 buildings. She is very happy about that. Trustee Ormsby stated that St. James has worked  
30 very hard to improve their ER Service. She stated that is good news. The hospital is a big  
31 asset for this Village.

32  
33 Trustee Ormsby stated that when the demo is done at the building next door and it is  
34 graded, she would really like to see some marketing going on. She stated that we don't  
35 have a restaurant in this Village. She would like to budget for marketing for next year.  
36 She stated that a Village of this size with no restaurant is unacceptable. She stated that  
37 this is a prime location.

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39 **PLANNING:**

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41 **Olympia Fields Educational Commission's College Readiness & Career Workshop**  
42 **Update** -Trustee Oliver stated that before he begins his report he has to put a spotlight on  
43 one of the members of the audience because she has been driving the Subcommittee of  
44 the Educational Commission even in the summer when everyone else was taking a  
45 vacation. Trustee Oliver asked Cheryl Rutherford to stand up. (There was a round of  
46 applause). She is the Chairman of the College and Career Readiness Subcommittee.

1 Trustee Oliver stated that he wanted the Board and the audience to understand about the  
2 upcoming event on September 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated that Dr. Leak stated at one point last year  
3 that one of her biggest problems with the students that enter Rich 227 is that only 25%  
4 are really ready and prepared for high school. The other 75% are not ready and they are  
5 the ones that are bringing the ACT Score and the District as a whole down. The  
6 Educational Commission decided that if they spend more time with the middle school  
7 kids trying to get the parents and the kids to understand what will be required to attend  
8 and be successful in high school, will probably be the same strategies so that they will be  
9 prepared for college. He stated that in an article in the paper yesterday, Governors State  
10 University and several others are suggesting that because of President Obama's move on  
11 education, it is no longer just getting them to the school that they are concerned about; it  
12 is retention of these students. The Consortium that Prairie State College belongs to is also  
13 admitting the same thing. They can get the students in the school but they can't keep  
14 them. Many of the students are not graduating. He stated that the event on September 15<sup>th</sup>  
15 is an attempt to wrestle with the other 75%.

16  
17 Trustee Oliver stated that the event will be held September 15<sup>th</sup> at Prairie State College.  
18 There is a flyer for the event in the Board Packet. He stated that Cheryl Rutherford has  
19 put out 4,000 flyers. The flyers have gone to the four School Districts that feed into Rich  
20 227 and to churches. They have gone to the Villages in the surrounding area. The  
21 Educational Commission is trying to market this, and it still needs some help in  
22 marketing it and getting the information out. He stated that one of the dilemmas was that  
23 Rich 227 had a program somewhat similar to ours. Our focus is a whole lot different as  
24 you can see from the program.

25  
26 Trustee Oliver stated that we would like for Village President Meyers-Martin and  
27 Administrator Mekarski to consider how we welcome these 200 plus people that will be  
28 at this conference. He believes that we have to send a message loud and clear not just on  
29 behalf of the Village, but the surrounding area that this education is for the serious  
30 minded. He stated that we are trying to impart this to the middle school kids as well as  
31 their parents that their involvement is going to be just as critical when they get to high  
32 school than it is now. He stated that you usually get a lot of parental involvement in the  
33 middle schools and it lessens when you get to high school. He would like the Board, the  
34 Village President, and Administrator Mekarski to consider having a speaking engagement  
35 for that audience. They have a long way to go to get the 200 plus people on September  
36 15<sup>th</sup>, but the Educational Commission is quite optimistic that they will do that. He stated  
37 that one thing we will need is an Insurance Rider. He spoke to Administrator Mekarski  
38 about what the Commission has to do to get that done.

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40 Trustee Oliver stated that Reggie Ford, one of Cheryl Rutherford's assistant's will no  
41 longer be involved with this event. We will be taking up that responsibility through  
42 someone else. There is a lot of work going on to make this happen and to make it a  
43 success. He believes that the Village will be very proud. He stated that we have this  
44 posted online. He encouraged everyone in the audience to tell their family and friends  
45 about this and to sign-up online.

1 Trustee Oliver stated that there are 14 colleges and universities in the nearby area that are  
2 part of a Consortium. They are hoping to have a member from each one of those colleges  
3 and universities attend so that the middle school kids get a sample of what it would be  
4 like to go and get information about the colleges and universities that are in the area.  
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6 **2012 Chicago National College Fair at Navy Pier in Chicago, Illinois – Update –**

7 Trustee Oliver stated that on September 29<sup>th</sup> the National College Fair will be held at  
8 Navy Pier. Colleges from all over the world will be there. The newest trend is for the  
9 middle school kids to see what is being offered through these different colleges. The  
10 Educational Commission is going to send some buses, depending upon how many people  
11 register to Navy Pier. The hope out of both these activities is to find a way for District  
12 227 to partner with us. He is aware that there is scuttlebutt about there being some  
13 division or rift between the two entities. He stated that the Educational Commission  
14 challenges them because we want more from them. We challenge them because we want  
15 them to succeed because they are in our neighborhood and we are paying all these taxes.  
16 He stated that we are also doing as much as we can to assist them. They are doing all that  
17 they can to make sure that District 227 is a part of what the Educational Commission is  
18 doing and not like we are adversarial. He stated that when you hear a lot of negative  
19 things that are being said it is not always true. He stated that we reach out, we push. He  
20 stated that we want to be a part of what it is that they are doing.  
21

22 Trustee Waite inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not the children were coming to  
23 District 227 from the elementary schools in the area. Trustee Oliver stated that the  
24 students who are taking the sort of tests that are required by the State at their level are  
25 doing very well, but when it comes to the tests required at the high school level that is  
26 something that is totally different and the two don't mesh.  
27

28 Trustee Waite stated that our elementary schools are not preparing the kids to go to high  
29 school. Trustee Oliver stated that is the inference that is being said. Village President  
30 Meyers-Martin stated you are referring to the feeder schools. Trustee Oliver stated yes.  
31 Trustee Ormsby stated that you aren't talking about Arcadia because that is an  
32 elementary school but it doesn't feed into the high school. Trustee Oliver stated that the  
33 kids we are going after right now is the sixth, seventh, and the eighth graders. Trustee  
34 Ormsby stated that would be Huth. Trustee Oliver stated yes and Illinois.  
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36 Administrator Mekarski stated that Country Club Hills and Matteson have feeder schools  
37 into the high schools. Trustee Gibson stated that within our own community there are  
38 very few but they are far and wide in other areas.  
39

40 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not the Educational Commission is  
41 taking the middle school kids to the National College Fair. Trustee Oliver stated yes. We  
42 want to expose them now to what they will be seeing in the future. We want them to  
43 know now what they can begin to envision in terms of what their life might be like in  
44 some college town.  
45

1 Trustee Ormsby stated that is a very good idea. She inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or  
2 not the Educational Commission is including teachers attending the College Fair and  
3 being on the bus with the students. Trustee Oliver stated that we opened it up to teachers  
4 and parents. He stated that we are still ironing out a lot of the details.

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6 Trustee Ormsby stated that if teachers, parents and students are going to be invited on the  
7 bus, she inquired whether or not this was another IRMA question. Trustee Oliver stated  
8 yes. Trustee Pennington stated in terms of liability, absolutely.

9  
10 Administrator Mekarski stated that the school requires that if they partner with us on this  
11 program, their insurance requires a Supervisor from the school to chaperone the care and  
12 custody of underage children.

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14 Trustee Pennington stated that assumes that they are going to participate and partner with  
15 us. He stated that if they don't, then the essence falls on the Village. He stated that is  
16 what we have to check into.

17  
18 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Oliver when the Educational  
19 Commission will know if the school is going to partner with them. Trustee Oliver stated  
20 that the College Fair is on September 29<sup>th</sup>. He stated probably in the next couple of  
21 weeks.

22  
23 Trustee Gibson inquired of Trustee Oliver how the school responded last year. Trustee  
24 Oliver stated that last year we made a faux pas. Instead of bringing it to the attention of  
25 the Superintendent, we took it to some other people and the message didn't get out very  
26 well. Trustee Gibson stated that maybe it wasn't last year. She stated perhaps it was when  
27 Superintendent Hunigan was there when the Educational Commission first tried to take  
28 kids to the College Fair at Navy Pier. She thought one of the comments from the  
29 Administrative Offices in Rich Central was that they didn't need to go there. They had  
30 colleges coming to the campus to see students. She stated that she and Administrator  
31 Mekarski went over to talk to Superintendent Hunigan and plead with him, and asked  
32 him why he would not be interested in this.

33  
34 Administrator Mekarski stated that was with former Superintendent Hunigan. We pointed  
35 out to the Superintendent that Maceo Rainey who was the Principal at that time didn't  
36 communicate the intentions of this bus tour to the upper administration. It was not  
37 marketed well. He stated that he and Cheryl Rutherford had met with Mr. Rainey and the  
38 college counselors at the high school, and they made a full commitment to market it to  
39 the entire building and that was never accomplished.

40  
41 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Oliver if he was seeking support of  
42 the fact that the Educational Commission wants to partner with 227 to make these buses  
43 available for the middle school students. Trustee Oliver stated yes. Village President  
44 Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not he will go directly to  
45 Superintendent Leak or who he will be reaching out to. Trustee Oliver stated that it will  
46 be Dr. Leak, District 161 and 162. It will be Dr. Davis, Mr. Thomas Amadio, Dr. Joyce

1 Carmine and Mr. Greg Doster. Those are the Superintendents of the schools that they are  
2 trying to interface with. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Oliver  
3 whether or not he was interfacing with them as the Educational Commission. Trustee  
4 Oliver stated as a Subcommittee Chair.

5  
6 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Oliver that in partnering with 227 are you looking  
7 for Cost Sharing Agreements between the Village and 227. Trustee Oliver stated that he  
8 will after we start having these discussions. Trustee Pennington stated that if they are  
9 going to partner with us they need to bear some of the costs especially with the buses.

10  
11 Trustee Oliver stated that thanks to the Board and Madam President you did approve the  
12 Budget to allow us to go ahead and do these things already. Trustee Pennington stated  
13 that it is always good to get a Cost Sharing Agreement in place.

14  
15 Trustee Gibson inquired of Trustee Oliver how they are going to go to District 227, Dr.  
16 Leak and get permission from her when you want to take middle school kids. She  
17 inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not they have to go to the middle school Principals  
18 and the middle school parents.

19  
20 Trustee Oliver stated that we are trying to get Dr. Leak to assist and be part of the  
21 conference at Prairie State, not so much the College Fair. Trustee Gibson inquired of  
22 Trustee Oliver why Dr. Leak would do that when District 227 went and did something  
23 similar after they found out what the Educational Commission was going to do. Trustee  
24 Oliver stated that Dr. Leak may or may not decide to attend. He stated that the  
25 Educational Commission has nothing to hide and we really want her to be involved. We  
26 are going to invite her to be involved. He stated that if she decides she doesn't want to  
27 there is not much we can do.

28  
29 Trustee Gibson stated that we are talking about two things. She wants to know what kids  
30 we are going to take to the College Fair. Trustee Oliver stated that both programs will be  
31 middle school kids. Trustee Gibson inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not he would  
32 have to go to the middle schools and get permission from the Principals at the middle  
33 schools. Trustee Oliver stated yes. He stated that Dr. Joyce Carmine and Dr. Greg Doster  
34 have been sent letters and they have made some agreements to assist us.

35  
36 Trustee Oliver stated that we are trying to bring in 227 and devise a plan so they at least  
37 feel like they are part of the process and we are not just doing this independently. He  
38 stated although we have a number of educators and former administrators on the  
39 Educational Commission we don't run anything. We are just trying to assist the schools  
40 in this area.

41  
42 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not he was talking about two  
43 different things. She inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not he was talking about  
44 getting this trip together and trying to work with 227, or trying to get 227 to work with  
45 the Educational Commission on this trip. She doesn't understand why they would be

1 working with the Educational Commission when the Commission is after the middle  
2 school kids.

3  
4 Administrator Mekarski stated that the primary focus is to work with the middle schools.  
5 They would love to have 227 participate in both events. There has been some historic  
6 resistance. He stated that if 227 is willing to send a chaperone and send students, we will  
7 add them to the bus.

8  
9 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that if this is a project from the Educational  
10 Commission, when Trustee Oliver comes back to the Board, the Board just needs to see  
11 the strategy of the Educational Commission. She stated that we need to see that the  
12 Commission wants to talk to this Superintendent, this Principal in order to get this feeder  
13 school and this feeder school so that the Board has some parameters. She stated that right  
14 now it seems to be speculative in terms of who is onboard and who is not, and how this is  
15 going to look in terms of the buses and in terms of cost sharing. She stated that it would  
16 be much easier for the Board to decide and to sanction the Educational Commission  
17 going forward if we just had some clear bullet points of how that process is going to look.

18  
19 Trustee Oliver apologized to Cheryl Rutherford. She did make bullet points but he failed  
20 to make copies for the Board. He assured the Board that at the next Board Meeting the  
21 Board will have it so that they have something to look at. He stated that in terms of who  
22 we have met with and what their promises have been to the Commission have been  
23 highlighted.

24  
25 Trustee Ormsby stated that Trustee Oliver could provide her with answers to the  
26 following questions at the next meeting: 1. Is it going to be school sanctioned? 2. Is it  
27 going to be chaperoned by any of them or is it a sharing chaperone situation? 3. She  
28 stated that she needs to understand what the Village's liability is because they will be in  
29 your care. 4. Does the Educational Commission want the responsibility for that care from  
30 the beginning to the end, or are you going to make the parents responsible? Trustee  
31 Ormsby thinks it is wonderful that that is who the Educational Commission is targeting.  
32 She is just not crystal clear on those points.

33  
34 Trustee Oliver stated that due to the urgency of the time he will just send that to the  
35 Board. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that now that we have had this initial  
36 discussion we know generally what you plan, but we just don't have the specifics.

37  
38 **Financial Assistance Request from the Olympia Fields Park District for the Fall**  
39 **Pumpkin Festival in the amount of \$3,000.00** – Trustee Oliver stated that he is also the  
40 Park District Liaison and he knows full well that the Board had no monies in this Budget  
41 for the Fall Pumpkin Fest. That was voted down. He understands that. He is aware that  
42 J.T. Malak wrote a letter to the Village President asking for \$3,000.00 this year. He stated  
43 that as their ombudsperson he is not asking the Board to make any decisions today. He  
44 stated that in the spirit of a unified civic organization that is providing a really good thing  
45 for the Village, he believes that it would be good if the Village could come up with any  
46 amount of money. He stated that last year we approved \$1,000.00. He didn't know about

1 the \$3,000.00 request this year. He stated that if we could find \$500.00 he believes that  
2 would bode well for the Village's sponsorship or co-sponsorship of this event.

3  
4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there is no date on when the Pumpkin  
5 Festival is. Trustee Oliver stated that it is the first Saturday in October which would be  
6 October 6<sup>th</sup>.

7  
8 Trustee Ormsby inquired why the Park District didn't budget for this. They have it every  
9 year. She stated every year they come to the Village. She stated that we don't have any  
10 money in our Budget. She stated that they want the event every year but they don't  
11 budget for it. Trustee Ormsby inquired whether or not anyone was here from the Park  
12 District this evening to speak to this. Trustee Oliver stated no.

13  
14 Administrator Mekarski stated that they were not scheduled because we didn't schedule it  
15 as an action item. Trustee Oliver didn't want to take action tonight he just wanted to  
16 throw it out there for consideration.

17  
18 Trustee Ormsby stated that she believes it is always important to have someone from the  
19 Park District present what they are after. She stated that they are requesting a significant  
20 amount of money.

21  
22 Administrator Mekarski stated that we are asking tonight for the Board's consideration to  
23 schedule it as an action item at the next meeting and having the Park District make a  
24 presentation. The Trustee Liaison would offer the suggestion of \$500.00. He stated that  
25 we were not going to do that since it was not budgeted without the consent of the Mayor  
26 and the Board.

27  
28 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not the Fall  
29 Pumpkin Fest evolved from the "Party in the Park," or do they still have the Party in the  
30 Park, and this too. Trustee Oliver stated that this is their one big outing of the year. This  
31 is the Fall Family Festival. They have a number of other activities. They had an activity a  
32 couple of weeks ago and he heard that it was very, very nice. This is their big event of the  
33 year. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Denise Will had stated that this was  
34 bigger than the Party in the Park which had evolved from the Fall Family Festival.  
35 Trustee Oliver stated that about 1,000 people attended last year. Trustee Oliver attended  
36 last year. The Village had sponsored it and it was very nice.

37  
38 Trustee Gibson stated that we use to have the Park District in our budgetary process.  
39 Then they stated that they didn't want the Village to do that because hardly anyone ever  
40 comes. They wanted the Village to transfer those funds to something else. She doesn't  
41 have a problem with the Park District because as two entities we should work together.  
42 She stated that we have been working together. The Village has spent a lot of money to  
43 try to help them with their safety factor for Tolentine. She stated that had they done the  
44 job that they should have done on their own considering the safety of the people coming  
45 to Tolentine, the Village would have had money to help them. She agrees with Trustee



1 Ormsby that if you know you are going to have an event and you know what the cost is  
2 going to be you budget for it.

3  
4 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Oliver what the Park District wants  
5 to use the \$3,000.00 for. Trustee Oliver stated that according to the letter they have three  
6 things that they are going to be looking for, the Bounce House, Pony Rides and the  
7 “Eurobungy.” He understands the sentiments of Trustee Gibson and rightfully so. He  
8 believes that Denise Will and a number of her staff are beginning to understand how this  
9 is supposed to be done and what the Village’s expectations are. He believes that they  
10 have a great heart and they want to make these things in the Village something that you  
11 would be proud of. He stated that we did spend a lot of money. We should continue to  
12 build upon our relationship with them and that is why he is asking the Board to consider  
13 something.

14  
15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that they would have to come in and make a  
16 presentation. Trustee Pennington stated then we can ask the salient question why don’t  
17 they budget for items like this.

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19 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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21 **Water Main Breaks** - Trustee Waite stated that we had an unusual number of water  
22 main breaks in August. There were nine. He isn’t sure why, other than perhaps with the  
23 drought as the water table goes down it causes the ground to shift and causes the breaks.

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25 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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27 **Park Forest Library Board Meeting Update** – Trustee Nale stated that at the last Board  
28 Meeting she was appointed as Liaison to the Library Board. Trustee Nale attended the  
29 Library Board Meeting last Wednesday. She provided handouts for the Trustees to  
30 review. The library hired two employees to actively participate in the Grand Opening of  
31 the new “Kids’ Zone” on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from Noon until 4:00 P.M. They are  
32 very enthusiastic about the Kids’ Zone. There will be a Puppeteer, a Musician, plus  
33 introductions to Mr. Frog and Mr. Toad.

34  
35 Trustee Nale stated that the library is planning stories and activities at the Annual Park  
36 Forest Art Fair on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

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38 Trustee Nale stated that some of the other activities that the library has is lectures on  
39 various topics, movies, computer assistance, chess, book reviews, and the list goes on and  
40 on. They are interested in getting this information that changes monthly out to the public.  
41 She stated that if anyone is interested in receiving this information they should go to the  
42 library or call the Park Forest Library. The library wants everyone to know that they can  
43 get a free library card. There is no fee. You just have to present your driver’s license. The  
44 Library Board is very excited about the new things that they are doing. They are going  
45 crazy with all the kids’ activities. She encourages everyone to take advantage of it.

1 **Executive Safety Committee and Human Resource Committee** – Trustee Nale stated  
2 that the Executive Safety Committee and the Human Resource Committee are scheduled  
3 to meet after the summer recess. The Executive Safety Committee will meet on  
4 September 13<sup>th</sup> and the Human Resource Committee will meet on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

5  
6 **Personnel Handbook Update** – Trustee Nale stated that she met with Administrator  
7 Mekarski and informed him of some of the questions that were raised by the Human  
8 Resource Committee in their review of the Personnel Manual. Administrator Mekarski  
9 will be meeting with the Department Heads tomorrow to get additional comments and  
10 suggestions. Administrator Mekarski will inform Trustee Nale of any additional  
11 comments and suggestions.

12  
13 Village President Meyers-Martin suggested that perhaps there should be more articles  
14 about the library and what they are doing in the newsletter on a regular basis. She stated  
15 that perhaps there are people that have moved to town that don't know that the Park  
16 Forest Library is our library.

17  
18 Trustee Nale stated that they are working on that. The problem is that most of those  
19 things are done electronically. She stated that electronically they have no way of getting  
20 to all of the people that they serve.

21  
22 Administrator Mekarski stated that the library provides the Village with a schedule of the  
23 activities. He stated that sometimes they have to cut that down in the newsletter due to  
24 limited space and to accommodate some of the other articles. The newsletter is filled with  
25 50% ads and 50% articles.

26  
27 Trustee Gibson stated that the library has a newsletter that they send out. Trustee Waite  
28 inquired how they get our addresses. Trustee Gibson stated that perhaps if you are a  
29 member they have it. She stated that if you sign up and give them your e-mail address  
30 then you get the information.

31  
32 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she thinks that there could be citizens that  
33 are missing out. Trustee Gibson stated that she agrees. She is trying to figure out other  
34 than going and getting a library card how they can be included.

35  
36 Trustee Waite stated perhaps we can get a stack of library cards and have them here and  
37 when new people come in to hook-up their water we give them a library card. Trustee  
38 Gibson stated that she doesn't know if we can do that off-site. Trustee Nale stated that  
39 she will talk to the Library Board to see if they have any suggestions.

40  
41 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she would like to tap into that excitement  
42 and spread it throughout the Village as opposed to just in the library culture.

43  
44 Trustee Gibson stated that the New Residents Reception is on October 13<sup>th</sup>. She thought  
45 that would be a good time to have a contingency from the library to possibly issue library  
46 cards off-site if they can do that, or at least have information about the library. Trustee

1 Nale stated that is a good idea. Trustee Pennington stated that prior to the reception on  
2 October 13<sup>th</sup> information could be placed on the Village’s Website not only detailing the  
3 information on the New Residents Reception but detailing what the Library Board is  
4 doing. Trustee Nale thanked everyone for their help.

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6 **PUBLIC SAFETY (CONTINUED):**

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8 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have any other report.

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10 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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12 **Federal Aid – Reprogramming of TCSP Funding to 207<sup>th</sup> & Governors Highway for**  
13 **Pedestrian Crossing & Intersection Improvements** – Administrator Mekarski stated  
14 that the Village President has some major news for a priority project that was expressed  
15 by this Board and the Park District Board.

16  
17 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that in 2009 the Village received monies from  
18 Senator Durbin’s Office. Those monies were scheduled to be used for improvements at  
19 203<sup>rd</sup> and Crawford, including a traffic light. Those funds have been reprogrammed and  
20 recaptured because the Village heard from IDOT that they have the sufficient funding to  
21 do those improvements at 203<sup>rd</sup> and Crawford, including the traffic light. Those monies  
22 have been restructured and we now can use those funds at 207<sup>th</sup> and Governors Highway  
23 to do all of the improvements that we had asked for, including the traffic light once that is  
24 approved. It is in the amount of \$444,600.00 that we have recaptured. She stated that we  
25 are very excited about that. The Village received word from Congressman Jackson’s  
26 Office that those funds had been reprogrammed so we could use them at 207<sup>th</sup> and  
27 Governors Highway.

28  
29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have really labored over the point of the  
30 safety issue at 207<sup>th</sup> because of the park, and because of the potential danger to the  
31 children crossing across four-lanes of traffic. She stated that we are constantly trying to  
32 figure out how to get things done in the most unburden some way for our residents.

33  
34 Administrator Mekarski stated that the credit for this reprogramming goes to the Village  
35 President. He was in Houston with his sister coming out of brain surgery. The Mayor  
36 picked up the ball on behalf of the Village and coordinated the activities with Robinson  
37 Engineering and IDOT to secure these funds. Administrator Mekarski thanked Village  
38 President Meyers-Martin.

39  
40 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village received a letter from IDOT on August 8<sup>th</sup>  
41 denying our request for a simple traffic light because it was temporary. He stated that our  
42 application was a straight signal without lane improvements. The Village didn’t have the  
43 money for lane improvements. The Village only had MFT Funds in the amount of  
44 \$111,000.00 to \$120,000.00. He stated that with the reprogramming from the Crawford  
45 intersection to 207<sup>th</sup> and Governors Highway the Village now has a combination of  
46 \$555,000.00. That may not be enough for the lane improvements that IDOT is requiring.

1 The initial estimate was that the lane improvements could exceed \$1,000,000.00. The  
2 Village is looking at some additional Federal Monies to see if it can recapture or  
3 reprogram it. The Village is looking at MFT Funds. He stated that we have some MFT  
4 rainy day reserves in the amount of \$300,000.00 in addition to the \$111,000.00 that the  
5 Village dedicated for the intersection improvements. This is a huge leap towards getting  
6 full traffic safety improvements with a full signalized intersection and lane  
7 improvements. They are allowing the pedestrian crossing with amber light signalization.  
8 The Board had expressed concern about that. It would hinder and not help because when  
9 cars are traveling down that portion of the highway probably in excess of 55 miles an  
10 hour because it looks like it is a cornfield area; it is questionable whether a child crossing  
11 without a full traffic stop is going to be protected crossing that crosswalk. He is assuming  
12 that the Board does not want to pursue a simple crossing with the push activated button  
13 and the flashing amber lights. That is always a fallback position if that is the only thing  
14 that we can do.

15  
16 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village has an opportunity to answer some of the  
17 additional questions that they have requested from our traffic engineers. They can come  
18 back to the Board and come up with a realistic solution and a realistic Budget.

19  
20 Administrator Mekarski stated that IDOT denied our request because the Village was  
21 requesting a full traffic signal, a red light, without doing lane improvements. Village  
22 President Meyers-Martin stated that we weren't doing the lane improvements because we  
23 didn't have the money.

24  
25 Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski how we know that IDOT is going to  
26 approve this. Administrator Mekarski stated that they talk about giving further  
27 consideration if we are willing to work with them on a three-lane cross section along  
28 Governors Highway. He stated now that we have funding for lane improvements he  
29 believes that IDOT will resurrect consideration of this.

30  
31 Trustee Ormsby stated that traffic coming out of that park is an issue. She stated that if it  
32 is going right it is confusing. She stated that if someone is coming up 207<sup>th</sup> and they are  
33 going left then those two cars are in kind of a jam. They don't know who goes first. She  
34 stated that if I am going right and they are going left that is a big mess because you have  
35 to wait until one of us gets through. She believes that bolsters the Village's case for a  
36 stoplight. She stated that the park is wildly successful when the kids are in the water park.  
37 She stated that at high points of the day and the kids are leaving, maybe 4:30 or 5, it is  
38 like a mini traffic jam. She believes that is another issue that the Village can explain to  
39 IDOT.

40  
41 Administrator Mekarski stated that Trustee Ormsby is correct. He stated that what they  
42 are looking for is not simply a push button activated light that would allow pedestrian  
43 crossing. They are looking at a traffic light with lane improvements and signalization  
44 with green arrows which would allow an uninterrupted flow of traffic to go left or right  
45 from the Park District and also from 207<sup>th</sup>. It is a pretty involved project to ultimately get

1 a safe solution. Now we have a dedicated Budget of at least \$555,000.00 and we have a  
2 process to begin Engineering Analysis.

3  
4 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not Robinson  
5 Engineering would have to come back out and look at the traffic situation coming out of  
6 that park. Administrator Mekarski stated yes.

7  
8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that when we met with IDOT and the eight  
9 engineers, they wanted a Pedestrian Study. We didn't have a Pedestrian Study at that  
10 time. It was always the caveat that we would go back with those numbers.

11  
12 Administrator Mekarski stated that in the correspondence dated August 8<sup>th</sup> to the Bureau  
13 of Local Roads and Streets from the Village President, it shows the \$444,000.00 which is  
14 the reprogrammed Federal Earmark and the \$111,000.00 local assistance which is  
15 coming from the Village's MFT Funds for a total Budget of \$555,750.00. It shows  
16 estimated engineering for Phase I, \$50,000.00. That would be all of the engineering for  
17 the lane improvements and the Traffic Study Analysis, plus answering these questions  
18 that they have on Page 2.

19  
20 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not she was  
21 going to let the Park District know what was going on with this. Trustee Ormsby would  
22 like the Park District to know the effort, the response, and the success that the Village has  
23 now had because the Village has been doing this on its own, not the Park District. She  
24 stated that at some point they should be brought into the loop so they understand the  
25 process and how difficult and arduous this has been.

26  
27 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it was very cloak and dagger for a minute.  
28 IDOT wanted the information right away. She spoke with South Suburban Mayors and  
29 Managers. She talked to the office. She had to go and sign the papers and get them  
30 messengered downtown to IDOT. She stated that it was a matter of hours that they had to  
31 get this all done, but it worked out well.

32  
33 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Board and our citizenry owe a debt of gratitude  
34 for the Village President because in my absence she went to bat and pulled this off within  
35 hours of reprogramming half a Million Dollars to go forward on this intersection. We  
36 now have a real solution. That is money that is not local tax dollars. That is a Federal  
37 Earmark that the Village secured back in 2009. Village President Meyers-Martin stated  
38 that we still get the signal at 203<sup>rd</sup> which is desperately needed on Crawford.

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40 **International Conference of Shopping Centers** – Administrator Mekarski stated that  
41 the Village President had asked him to attend a meeting of the International Conference  
42 of Shopping Centers in Chicago. It was a two-hour conference with National Retailers.  
43 There were about 80-retailers that gave out spec sheets. They will be expanding in the  
44 Chicago Metropolitan Market. They indicated the sites they are looking for and the site  
45 criteria. He was fortunate enough to get the spec sheets on a number of restaurants that  
46 are looking for new locations in suburban Chicago areas. He stated that some of our

1 locations on Vollmer and Lincoln Highway matched very, very well with the criteria  
2 published. There were about 20-retailers that indicated they would look at Olympia  
3 Fields following the completion of the TIF. Administrator Mekarski stated that his office  
4 and the Village President's Office are making very good progress towards hopefully  
5 making an announcement on a major economic development before the end of the year.  
6 We have some specifics that can be forwarded to the Economic Development Committee.  
7 The Village President and Trustee Pennington are serving on that Committee. There are a  
8 number of key citizens on that Committee. He stated that we have some specific targets  
9 to direct letters and correspondence to match up their criteria with our criteria for various  
10 retail accommodations. He stated that it is a matching game and a lot of marketing. He  
11 stated that Trustee Ormsby's suggestion about budgeting next year for some marketing  
12 dollars could go a long way to help the Economic Development Committee reach out to  
13 these regional and National brokers to get them interested and get them to drive down  
14 and look at sites on Lincoln Highway and Vollmer.

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16 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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18 **Southland College Preparatory Charter High School Annual Gala – Saturday,**  
19 **September 29, 2012** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you have in your  
20 Board Packet a Memo regarding the Southland College Preparatory Charter High School  
21 Annual Gala. It is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>. Last year the Village did support the  
22 Southland College Preparatory Charter High School in their inaugural gala. The Village  
23 would like to do that again. She stated that we know that Dr. Davis is doing exceptional  
24 work at the Charter High School. The Village would like to continue to support them.  
25 The ticket prices went up this year. She stated that a table of 10 is now \$1,500.00. The  
26 tickets are \$150.00 per person.

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28 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that our proposal is to split that cost between the  
29 Educational Commission Budget of \$750.00 and the Mayor's Golf Outing Fund in order  
30 to purchase those tickets.

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32 Trustee Gibson inquired what this does to the Educational Commission's balance of  
33 funds. Administrator Mekarski stated that we budgeted \$5,000.00 under the title of  
34 "Marketing." It is the Commission's resource for any kind of mailings that the  
35 Commission would be doing for bringing parents in for PSAT Scores or other special  
36 events. This is not flyers associated with the College and Career Readiness Program  
37 event, but general activities plus any other Public Notices or ads. He stated that we have  
38 adequate funds to do that. This year the Educational Commission has not put out a  
39 postcard or advertisement. The school just completed their meeting on the PSAT Scores.  
40 It will only be \$750.00 out of that Marketing Fund.

41 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the purchase of a**  
42 **table for the Southland College Preparatory Charter High School Second Annual**  
43 **Celebration Gala on Saturday, September 29, 2012 in the amount of \$1,500.00 with**  
44 **an equal split between the Village's Educational Commission Annual Budget and**  
45 **the Village President's Annual Golf Fund.**

46 **Roll Call: Ayes (6-0)**

**Motion Carried.**

1 **Respond Now – 5K Run “Thank you”** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that  
2 we had the 5K Run during the summer. She received a letter from the Associate Director  
3 of Respond Now, Amy Weber. She was very appreciative of the Village’s participation  
4 and our enthusiasm for the project. She just wanted to thank the Village and she hopes  
5 that we can continue that relationship. They had a lot of people participate in the 5K Run.  
6 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she hopes that we will consider continuing  
7 that relationship with Respond Now.

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9 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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11 **Road Work** – Trustee Nale inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not  
12 the Village would be having any roadwork done this season. Village President Meyers-  
13 Martin stated that we held off on the roadwork because we always use MFT Funds to do  
14 that. We were holding back on those funds because we thought we were going to have to  
15 buy a traffic signal, and therefore there wasn’t anything scheduled because we didn’t  
16 think we would be able to have the funds. She stated that now it would have to be in the  
17 spring.

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19 Trustee Nale stated that some of the roads in Arcadia and in the Original Village are just  
20 awful. She stated that it isn’t the whole road. There are just spots that are completely  
21 deteriorated.

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23 Administrator Mekarski stated that towards the end of the year we are going to be  
24 looking at a Bond Program. We discussed during our Budgetary Process of taking and  
25 encumbering some 15 to 20 years of our MFT Money and then doing 50% of the road  
26 improvements. We were looking towards 50% to be funded through MFT encumbering  
27 20 years of their \$120,000.00 allocation, and also monies that could come from the 911  
28 Referendum which was defeated. So we can only do 50%. We are hoping that if  
29 Economic Development is realized on Lincoln and Western and Sales Tax is recouped,  
30 we can do the other 50% in four or five years.

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32 Trustee Ormsby stated that she would like to see the study that we are suppose to have of  
33 what roads need to be done soon. She believes that the Board should look at that.

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35 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have that. She stated that in the GSI there  
36 were roads that were a priority. Trustee Ormsby stated that we should review that.  
37 Trustee Waite stated that the priorities are there when we get ready to look at them.

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39 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Nale whether or not she spoke with  
40 Joe Alexa to make sure that he is aware of the condition of the roads. Trustee Nale stated  
41 that she talked to him in the past about the roads. Village President Meyers-Martin stated  
42 that it is just something that we need to update him on.

43 Administrator Mekarski stated that in the early fall we will have a Work Session and  
44 review the GSI Road Program priorities and talk about some of our bonding options, and  
45 hopefully see if we can put together a Bond which will be sold in January or February of  
46 next year for a spring start. The goal is to go forward with 50% of the Road Program next

1 spring. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that our goal was to keep all of them at  
2 82%.

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4 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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6 **Tree Program** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the Tree Program this year is for the  
7 Homeowners Associations only, not residents because of the devastation of the Emerald  
8 Ash Borer. So far she has only heard from the Original Village, Wysteria, and The  
9 Traditions. She has \$1,500.00 budgeted. Wysteria has asked for as many trees as they can  
10 have. She will grant that if she doesn't hear from more Homeowners Associations. She  
11 stated that a letter was sent to all of the Homeowners Associations and an e-mail went out  
12 to all of the Homeowners Associations. Trustee Ormsby stated that it is a good program  
13 to take advantage of. The trees they have this year are excellent. They worked very hard  
14 to get these trees. She stated to spread the word.

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16 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Ormsby what the deadline is.  
17 Trustee Ormsby stated that she moved it because the trees can't be planted until probably  
18 the middle of October because the drought has been so bad. She stated that she will take  
19 applications through September 15<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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21 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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23 **Resignation – Susan Mekarski from the Educational Commission** -Village President  
24 Meyers-Martin stated that she has one resignation. She is saddened to say that she  
25 received the Resignation from Susan Mekarski from the Educational Commission. She  
26 stated that it is a sad Resignation to accept because she knows that Susan has been highly  
27 involved with the Commission since its inception. She has always provided a great deal  
28 of input and a very good commitment that was unparalleled on that Committee. She  
29 stated that she is sorry to accept that. She has her PhD Program now. Administrator  
30 Mekarski stated that she is Principal at Calvin Park, Chicago Public School.

31 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to accept the Resignation of**  
32 **Susan Mekarski from the Olympia Fields Educational Commission and request our**  
33 **Trustee Liaison to solicit applications for Presidential consideration for the formal**  
34 **nomination by the President and concurrence by the Board of Trustees.**

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

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37 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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39 **To Discuss Matters of Litigation –Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(11) –**  
40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated at 9:50 P.M. that we will be going into Executive  
41 Session to discuss matters of litigation according to the Open Meetings Act Section  
42 5ILCS120/2(c)(11), as well as Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel  
43 according to the Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(1). She stated that we will  
44 not be taking any action once we come back to Open Session.



1 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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3 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to go into Open Session at 10:52**  
4 **P.M.**

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

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7 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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9 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to adjourn at 10:52 P.M.**

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

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12 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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