

1 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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3 **5(A) Recommendation for Partial Waiver of Lien and payment of Invoice #21333 to**
4 **Suburban General Construction, Inc. for work completed in connection with 21 Graymoor**
5 **Lane in the amount of \$16,620.25.**

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have on the Consent Agenda item 5 (A). The
8 Consent Agenda allows the Board to approve items without an individual vote by the Trustees.
9 She inquired of the Board whether or not anyone wanted to move the item off of the Consent
10 Agenda. None of the Trustees indicated that they wanted to move the item off of the Consent
11 Agenda.

12 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Nale to approve Item 5(A) on the Consent**
13 **Agenda.**

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

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16 **FINANCE:**

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18 Trustee Byrd stated that he did not have a Formal Report this evening. He stated that he would
19 have a report at the next Board Meeting.

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21 **BUILDING:**

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23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have anything to report for Building.

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25 **PLANNING:**

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27 **Planning Commission and Zoning Commission** – Trustee Oliver stated that he did not have an
28 official report tonight. He wanted to make note of a couple of items. Trustee Oliver stated that he
29 missed the last Board Meeting. Prior to the last Board Meeting, the Planning Commission and
30 the Zoning Commission met. There were two Agenda items. One item is that the All Nations
31 Church is trying to Petition to provide an Emergency Housing Program for veterans in our area.
32 He stated that All Nations Church is not ready to present the information to the Village let alone
33 to the Planning Commission. That subject will be off of the table for a little while.

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35 Trustee Oliver stated that the second item was the Board had approved changes for the definition
36 of banking institutions. A Petitioner came before the Planning Commission requesting that the
37 area be rezoned so that they could provide a Payday Loan in the Village. The Planning
38 Commission and Zoning Commission denied the request of the Petitioner. They may move
39 forward with bringing that information before the Board for its consideration.

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41 **Educational Commission Meeting** – Trustee Oliver stated that the Educational Commission
42 recently met. It was a very historical meeting. He stated that for the first time in the history of the
43 Educational Commission that he is aware of, which goes back to 2007, we had in the audience
44 residents, our Commission, and there were members of the School Board. We had the Principal
45 for Rich Central and the Assistant Superintendent of Operations for Rich 227, and the President
46 of the Teachers Union, to discuss upcoming events and to figure out what it is that we want to do

1 to move this District forward with educational excellence in our School District. Trustee Oliver
2 turned it over to Chairman Pro Tem Mekarski of the Educational Commission.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that he wanted to defer to the Village President. The Village
5 President was invited to the meeting to give an update to the Educational Commission. She
6 participated in probably one of our most engaging sessions in our seven-year history. He stated
7 that it was historical.

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9 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she agreed with Trustee Oliver and Administrator
10 Mekarski that it was a very engaging meeting. There were guests available that we have never
11 been able to attract before. The dialog and the discussion were upbeat, uplifting, encouraging,
12 and exciting. She is looking forward to working with them in any way that we can as a Village.
13 Prior to the Educational Commission Meeting, Village President Meyers-Martin had met with
14 the new Principal at Rich Central. She is very professional and very knowledgeable about
15 education. She is very informed about troubled schools. She came from a District where she had
16 been recognized for turning around troubled schools. Village President Meyers-Martin had an
17 enjoyable meeting with her and then she was at the Educational Commission Meeting.

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she felt that it was so engaging for her in particular,
20 because she has said all along that education was certainly of huge importance to this Village.
21 Her perspective on it was always the students, and for them to get the education that they
22 deserve, and for the Village to be able to be proud of the School District that we send our
23 children to. She stated that we have to be able to attract new families to this town. You cannot do
24 that unless your School District is excellent. You can't retain young families if you don't have a
25 good School District. This was always of huge importance to this Village. Village President
26 Meyers-Martin stated that we have people in place now that understand that, and more
27 importantly they want to work with us. They are not afraid of us. They want to be engaged. They
28 want to have that dialog. She stated that is the most encouraging thing she has seen coming out
29 of that School District for quite some time. It was very encouraging.

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31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she invited the new Principal as well as the Assistant
32 Superintendent of Operations to the Village's New Residents Reception. She believes it is
33 important that the Village touts what it is that they have as their goals, and things they want to
34 accomplish, so that people have a sense that we are now finally on the right road and moving in
35 the right direction. She is very excited. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that they have
36 both agreed to come and she thinks that it will be wonderful.

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38 Administrator Mekarski stated that he believes that it speaks to the credibility of the Educational
39 Commission and its evolution over the last six or seven-years. He stated that for two-hours we
40 had the President of the School Board, Cheryl Coleman, and Delores Woods one of the new
41 School Board Members, the Interim Superintendent, and the Assistant Superintendent of
42 Operations, the Principal of Rich Central and the President of the Teachers Union. We engaged
43 in a real collaborative discussion on the things that we did historically, the things that we did
44 well, the things that needed partnership that we did not have in the past and how to renew that.
45 We talked about the Mentoring/Internship Program. We talked about the Career and College
46 Readiness Program. We talked about the lack of participation in the past on the Mini Grant

1 Awards. We talked about discipline in the schools, and some of the site visits that Dr. Gibson
2 and some of the other members had previously.
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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that the leadership engaged the Commission. They created new
5 ideas for the Commission to think about. One of the things that was really significant is having
6 the partnership with the Union and having the Union President at the table and basically
7 announcing that they are in partnership with the School Board and the Administration. He stated
8 that is really the secret to success. He stated that this school is going to go places if that
9 partnership continues because for the first time instead of animosity and fighting between the
10 Administration and the rank and file we have got collaboration. He stated that is just something
11 that is phenomenal.
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13 Administrator Mekarski stated that if you want to get involved in the deliberation and the debate
14 the Educational Commission meets on the first Tuesday of every month. The Commission will
15 be looking at the allocation that the Board of Trustees provides the Educational Commission at
16 the next meeting, and what programs and partnerships we can work on especially in
17 collaboration with District 227. He invited everyone to come and get involved. He believes that
18 it will be really beneficial.
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20 Trustee Waite stated that in every organization you start off and you wonder if you are going to
21 have any success whatsoever, and then you reach a critical threshold and momentum where
22 things are going in the right direction. He stated that another example of that is South Holland
23 had asked a couple members of the Educational Commission to come over and make a
24 presentation to their Educational Commission which is new so they could pattern it after ours. He
25 thought that was kind of interesting. He stated that if other communities start developing and
26 following in our footsteps, it will put a lot more momentum behind education than they have
27 ever had before in these communities.
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29 Administrator Mekarski stated that we like to think of it this way, the Educational Commission
30 has absolutely no power, no authority over the Educational System. He stated that if you think
31 about it much like the same way of India, Gandhi had no power. He had no authority, but he was
32 able to move a nation. He stated that what the Educational Commission is doing through its
33 collaboration and its partnership, and its involvement and continued deliberate dialog and
34 Democracy in sponsoring debates; we are trying to move a District. He stated that if we think of
35 it in that respect, we can accomplish it.
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37 Trustee Oliver stated to the members of the audience that he wants them to understand as
38 glowing as these words are that you have heard about the Educational Commission and what it is
39 that the Rich 227 School District is currently doing, and it is wonderful, we all admit that it is
40 just a start. We all have a long way to go. He stated that we are on a really good path. The
41 pendulum has shifted to a new direction. They, as well as us, are going to be asking for your
42 continued support in what it is that we are trying to do to achieve educational excellence in this
43 School District and to make this Village and this District one that will be proud throughout the
44 State. He stated that we ask you for a little bit more patience, and for your help and support.
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46 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that all of us know this District did not get to this point
47 overnight. She stated that certainly the resolution and the improvement of the District are going

1 to take more time than overnight as well. She stated that as Trustee Oliver said, we all need to
2 exercise patience, but certainly be encouraged that we finally are moving in a very positive
3 direction.

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5 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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7 **Recommendation for Bid Award for the 203rd Street Metra Parking Lot – Seal Coat and**
8 **Restriping Project** - Trustee Waite stated that we have the Metra Parking Lot that we have
9 gotten Bids on for seal coating, restriping, and fixing of the cracks and so forth. We had three
10 Bids. He stated that two of the Bids were from contractors in Illinois, and one from a contractor
11 in Indiana that we haven't had Bids from before. He stated that the contractor from Indiana must
12 have really wanted this job because it was about half of the other two. The winning Bid was
13 \$26,000.00 and some change. The other two Bids were \$45,000.00 and \$54,000.00.

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15 Trustee Waite stated that he checked into whether or not there are any risks to taking somebody
16 that we have not done any business with before. They are putting forth a Performance Bond so it
17 is secured in that fashion. Robinson Engineering had looked at all of the Bids in detail to make
18 sure that the winning Bidder, Site Services, did not miss something in error. They couldn't find
19 anything. The engineering firm's original estimate was in the area of \$44,000.00, \$45,000.00.
20 The other two Bids that were in the ballpark of the original estimate, did not come anywhere near
21 the company from Indiana.

22 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to award the 203rd Street Metra**
23 **Parking Lot Seal Coat and Restriping to Site Services in the amount, not to exceed**
24 **\$26,214.90; and further authorize the Village President to enter into Contractual**
25 **Documents to authorize the work to be performed consistent with the Village's**
26 **specification for the Project; to be paid from the 203rd Street Metra Parking Lot Fund.**

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

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29 **Water Main Break on 798 Brookwood** – Trustee Waite stated that this item is not on the
30 Agenda. He stated that we had a water main break on 798 Brookwood. They had to have
31 somebody come in. There was excessive corrosion on the piping. The plumber had to tear up and
32 go across paved driveways to get it fixed. It was successfully taken care of on a pretty permanent
33 basis because a lot of corroded pipe was replaced. There were a few homes without water for a
34 period of a few hours. He stated that nobody was put out too much by that.

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36 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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38 **Virgin Health Miles Program – Authorization to Execute the Employee Wellness**
39 **Intergovernmental Agreement with SSMMA** - Trustee Nale stated that at the last Board
40 Meeting approval was granted to approve the adoption of a Wellness Program for the employees
41 with the Horton Health Group of Orland Park. Trustee Nale stated that Administrator Mekarski
42 has further recommended that we facilitate the program with the South Suburban Mayors and
43 Managers Association at a group rate which would be more economical.

1 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Oliver to authorize the Village President to**
2 **enter into an Employee Wellness Intergovernmental Agreement with SSMMA for a term of**
3 **one year, affording the Horton Group Inc. to administer and coordinate the Village’s**
4 **Wellness Programs as defined by the Board.**

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

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7 **Ear Plugs for Police Officers** – Trustee Nale stated that she spoke to Chief Krull. Chief Krull is
8 going to submit a request for personal ear plugs for all of the officers on the police department.

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10 **Library Book Drop Box** – Trustee Nale stated that she received a call from Mary Lou
11 Lubertozzi who is on the Library Board with her. Mrs. Lubertozzi stated that they are going to
12 replace the book drop for the library. The book drop will accept books, discs and other items.
13 Mrs. Lubertozzi would like the book drop to be placed at a distance from the mail box that is also
14 there to facilitate people who want to drop their mail off, and also facilitate the people that want
15 to drop their books off so that there won’t be any hesitation at that particular corner. Trustee Nale
16 advised Mrs. Lubertozzi to call the Building Commissioner to see if there would be any
17 regulations that she would have to have for the Village in order to do that.

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Nale whether or not Mrs. Lubertozzi
20 indicated how far she thinks the book drop needs to be.

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22 Trustee Nale stated no. Trustee Nale stated that she believes that Mrs. Lubertozzi should talk to
23 the Building Commissioner.

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25 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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27 **Information Only: Senior Safety Seminar** – Trustee Gibson stated that she only has one item
28 this evening and it is an information only item. Trustee Gibson stated that the Olympia Fields
29 Police Department in conjunction with Will County Assistant State’s Attorney, Sondra Denmark,
30 hosted a Senior Safety Seminar event on Wednesday, September 4th. As an Assistant State’s
31 Attorney, Sondra Denmark specializes in prosecuting crimes against the elderly, including
32 financial scams, elderly abuse and financial exploitation.

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34 Trustee Gibson stated that this was a very worthwhile seminar. Trustee Gibson stated that the
35 only drawback was that there were only three residents there and Chief Krull. The attendees
36 enjoyed every moment of the information that Sondra was giving them. Trustee Gibson was
37 quite embarrassed because there were no other people there. She stated that additional
38 information was provided regarding “freezing” one’s credit to prevent unauthorized use. Ms.
39 Denmark explained that the newest scam is the check “washing” scheme. She explained the
40 “gypsy type scams,” and the need to regularly review your credit report and your bank statement.

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42 Trustee Gibson stated that they did ask Ms. Denmark if she would be willing to come back if
43 they could get a bigger crowd, because there are many people in the Village that need this
44 information. Ms. Denmark promised that she would return. The seminar was promoted through
45 the NIXLE Program. It was listed on the Village’s Website. Trustee Gibson is hoping that we
46 can do this again. She stated that even though some of us think we know everything that could
47 happen; we do not know all of the newest scams that are around.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that if Ms. Denmark is willing to come back, we can run the
2 videotape recorder, and work out the camera angle so she can interact with the audience and get
3 her on screen with a microphone, and we could play that on streaming video on our webpage and
4 also a few times a day or a few times a week on Channel 4 Comcast and get it out to all of our
5 seniors. He stated that it sounds like it was a really worthwhile event. Administrator Mekarski
6 asked Trustee Gibson to let him know in advance when the seminar is held again and he will try
7 to get some people here to help with the cameras and getting things setup.

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9 Trustee Gibson stated that one of the things that she plans to do is see if Ms. Denmark can visit
10 some Homeowners Association Meetings. Trustee Gibson wished that Wysteria's Homeowners
11 Association Meeting was not so close to the time that she was here. She stated that at their
12 meeting on Saturday they had 35 residents there. She stated that normally when she sees that on
13 NIXLE and on the website, she will prepare a flyer and send it out to all of the residents of the
14 Homeowners Association personally so they will know. She stated that we didn't do that because
15 we were out of town and we didn't have the time. She stated that would be one good way of
16 getting it out to people and that is the Homeowners Associations.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Trustee Gibson if she could speak about the Citizens
19 Police Academy because she knows that startup date is coming.

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21 **Citizens Police Academy** – Trustee Gibson stated that we have the number of people that we
22 need for the second Citizens Police Academy. She stated that she announced that at the
23 Homeowners Association Meeting on Saturday. It is a wonderful program. There are 11 sessions.
24 The sessions are about an hour and a half. Trustee Gibson stated that we have the minimum
25 number that we need, but we could accept a few more attendees.

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27 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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29 **Intersection Improvements – US 30 at Western Avenue located in the Village of Olympia**
30 **Fields and the City of Chicago Heights** - Administrator Mekarski stated that the first item he
31 has on the Agenda is the intersection improvements of US 30 and Western Avenue located in the
32 Village of Olympia Fields and the City of Chicago Heights. This is for information only. This is
33 communication that the Board had requested that we bring to the attention of IDOT. A few
34 weeks ago, IDOT was introducing improvements at the Western Avenue/Lincoln Highway
35 Intersection to provide pedestrian safety. There is correspondence in the Board Packet dated July
36 10th, 2013, from Joe Alexa, who worked with our engineer to express the Board's wishes,
37 primarily by Trustee Waite, regarding the right-hand turn lanes. IDOT responded to that in
38 correspondence dated August 27th. Administrator Mekarski read the one paragraph pertinent to
39 the issue as follows: "The existing conditions at the US 30 and Western Avenue Intersection
40 does not have right-turn lanes as noted in your letter, but has two through traffic lanes and an
41 exclusive left turn lane on Western Avenue and three through traffic lanes and a dedicated left
42 turn lane on US 30. These corners have large turning radii and islands that may lend to the
43 appearance of right turn lanes. Improvements at the intersection require the removal of corner
44 islands to accommodate the proposed pedestrian accommodations, relocating traffic signal
45 equipment, minimize the length of crosswalks, and eliminate the need for a right-of-way
46 acquisition and allows for a WB-65 design vehicle to maneuver around the corner." It goes on to
47 say that essentially the width of the existing lanes don't warrant additional right-hand turn lanes.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that we are still waiting for the engineering review of those
2 comments. He stated that concurrent with responding to our letter, they sent us a letter dated
3 August 27th, 2013, giving prefinal plans. Those have been sent to Jeff Koza of Robinson. He
4 stated that Pat Barker is reviewing those, taking the comments that were made by Trustee Waite
5 and others, and looking at their response and seeing if we agree with them. He stated that we
6 may very well add additional comments.

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8 Trustee Waite stated that he likes what they have proposed. He knew there were some errors in
9 the way in which we described what we thought should happen and they would sort it out and
10 they did. He stated that there was not enough storage for cars in some of the turn lanes in all four
11 directions. They have dealt with that and extended them quite a good distance. Trustee Waite
12 stated that when you come up to make a left turn and there is no room in the left turn lane, and
13 you are backed up into one of the through traffic lanes, that happens with a great deal of
14 regularity at that intersection. He was trying to address that. They have added 100 feet or so in
15 most directions to do that.

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17 Trustee Waite stated that one of his concerns was that he didn't want construction to start on that
18 going into the Christmas Holiday Season. They are going to deal with that by Bid letting in
19 January. He stated that is perfect.

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21 Administrator Mekarski stated that is also good for the Budget. He stated that if they let the
22 project in January, it probably won't start until the spring after the frost cycle. He stated that this
23 could have financial impact on our revenues projected for the recently installed red light camera.
24 We were concerned about the work being done on Orchard and Lincoln Highway and how it
25 impacts the red light camera. Initially, we were getting news that they were installing the red
26 light camera and there would be no interruption of services. There was recent correspondence
27 that Chief Krull brought to the Village President's attention indicating that it will now need "full
28 warrant" which means three years of new data. So that camera is going to be turned off. The
29 positive reinforcement of changing behavior is going to be interrupted and also it impacts
30 revenue.

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32 Administrator Mekarski stated that copies of the correspondence has been given to Les Delya.
33 He stated that Les is going to be working with IDOT to try to see if since these are only
34 pedestrian oriented and not a real change of existing lanes, if it is going to have an adverse affect
35 on the recently installed camera. That could have budgetary concerns. He stated that at least this
36 camera probably won't go out of service until sometime in the early or late spring which could
37 be right around the end of our Fiscal Year. Administrator Mekarski stated that he will keep the
38 Board posted on that. He stated that if anybody wants any additional information please feel free
39 to contact Joe and we will arrange a conference call with Jeff Koza and Pat Barker.

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41 **Ordinance #2013-14 – An Ordinance amending Article II, “Water System,” of Chapter 21,**
42 **“Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal,” of the Village of Olympia Fields Village Code, by**
43 **adding new Section 21-32, “Regulation of Potable Water Supply Wells,” there. (First and**
44 **Second Reading) – Administrator Mekarski stated that the second item he has on the Agenda is**
45 **an Ordinance. It's an Ordinance relative to the additional work that needs to take place because**
46 **of the soil and ground water contamination that was left behind by the Speedway location on**
47 **Lincoln Highway. There was underground storage tank leakage years ago, probably well over a**

1 decade ago. There was a venting plant to try to vent the volatile hydrocarbons from the site. At a
2 previous meeting we provided data from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency indicating
3 that they were going through a capping process and that two things had to take place. 1. That we
4 adopt an Agreement with Speedway providing public notification to Public Works Employees,
5 potential contractors, potential commercial enterprises that there is ground water and soil
6 contamination, and that additional measures need to take place to insure the safety, specialized
7 equipment, and specialized handling. He stated that we are working with Speedway to get a
8 separate contract between Speedway and the Village so if we ever have to do infrastructure
9 work, that rather than having our Department of Public Works employees do it, we would hire a
10 specialized company dealing with that type of soil contamination and that the differential cost
11 between a regular construction job and a specialized job with hazardous materials be picked up
12 by Speedway. He stated that Speedway has agreed to that verbally.

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14 Trustee Waite stated that he has had some experience in the area of ground contamination and
15 that is mostly gasoline leaking from the tanks. It is his understanding that they removed a lot of
16 soil from that area that was contaminated to send it to a special processing place. Administrator
17 Mekarski stated that is right.

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19 Trustee Waite stated that usually because gasoline is much lighter than air, that it percolates to
20 the top and is dispersed and resolved by the climatory conditions. He suspects that since it was
21 over 10-years that if you go in and take a soil test for contamination today that you will be
22 surprised how little is left. He stated that 10 years from now he would be surprised if you could
23 detect anything.

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25 Administrator Mekarski stated that the EPA is still saying that it exceeds the Tier 1 Residential
26 Remediation Objectives. It is going to be safe for commercial activity provided it's handled
27 during the construction period and it is capped. He stated that commercial sites are generally
28 capped with asphalt and/or concrete.

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30 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not they put in vents.
31 Administrator stated that for well over six or seven-years they put in a venting plant that forced
32 air into the soil and extracted that as the hydrocarbons were volatizing. He stated that a good
33 portion of that was removed through the removal of the soil and the ground water that was
34 vented. He stated that this Ordinance is another safety measure. The IEPA asked the Village to
35 adopt an Ordinance prohibiting the drilling of potable wells for water supply just within a
36 restricted zone which measures from the site of the contamination which is sort of by Speedway
37 and the extension of Main Street, about 543 feet along Lincoln Highway. It goes for a depth of
38 325 feet from the easterly right-of-way line.

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40 Trustee Waite stated that we wouldn't approve a well in the area anyway. Administrator
41 Mekarski stated no. He stated that you could still have a potable well for irrigation, but it is
42 prohibited for drinking water supply. It doesn't have any major impact. It is another protection
43 that the IEPA has asked the Village to follow. They gave the Village a sample Ordinance. The
44 Village forwarded that to Judy Kolman our legal advisor. The Ordinance fits into the Village's
45 Code of Ordinances. It has been approved by our legal advisors for the Board's consideration
46 this evening. It is on the Agenda for First and Second Reading.

1 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Waite to waive First Reading and pass in**
2 **Second Reading Ordinance No. 2013-14: An Ordinance Amending Article II, “Water**
3 **System,” of Chapter 21, “Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal,” of the Village of Olympia**
4 **Fields Village Code, by adding New Section 21-32, “Regulation of Potable Water Supply**
5 **Wells,” thereto.**

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7 Trustee Waite suggested that somebody put it on the calendar to take a few soil samples five
8 years from now and so forth, because he believes that in a short period of time you won’t have
9 to worry about workers dealing with construction in that area.

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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that he will make a note of that.

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

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14 **All Nations Church** – Administrator Mekarski stated that he has two follow-up items to the
15 report that Trustee Oliver gave. He stated that he has some good news with regard to All Nations
16 Church. They are interested in putting a temporary residency, transitional housing, for veterans at
17 the Tolentine Monastery. The church has hired a professional consultant. He stated that in about
18 90-minutes working with the consultant and the pastor, we had more information than what we
19 have received in the past 90-days. They are thinking about getting a Grant from the Veterans
20 Administration. This would be only for veterans that have an Honorable Discharge. They would
21 have to prove a certain number of days, for instance 30 to 60 days of sobriety to both drugs and
22 alcohol. They have to be actively engaged in looking for full time employment, full time
23 housing, and full time income. The church would use the monastery section which has 25-rooms
24 which were used for the retired Catholic Priests, as the temporary residency. There is a 24-month
25 period that a veteran can stay. They can’t stay any longer. They would participate with all of our
26 local groups to help facilitate counseling and support like Respond Now, Pads, CEDA,
27 Thresholds, local churches and others. This would be a long-term commitment. The Veterans
28 Affairs Administration requires that if they get this Grant money because the VA pays for the
29 whole operation, the church would have to express a 20-year commitment.

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31 Administrator Mekarski stated that this would require a zoning change in the residential zone to
32 allow a Special Use consideration of this kind of use. That is the one legal measure that has to
33 take place that the Planning Commission is considering. The second one is giving the Special
34 Use Permit. That would allow the Board to do a Special Use Agreement specifying contractual
35 obligations. It is not given as one intent and then evolves into something different. It is on a very
36 limited basis. (At this time the power went off and within seconds the backup generator kicked
37 in. It was later determined that a large transformer went down at about 212th Street).

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39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was scheduled to meet with Pastor Oliver about
40 this particular project. Unfortunately, he had an emergency. She is going to suggest to Pastor
41 Oliver that he contact Bill Brown who is the Executive Director of the Cook County Veterans
42 Administration. He is very familiar with the south suburbs. Pastor Oliver could speak with Mr.
43 Brown about potential resources and enforcing those guidelines. She stated that we all love
44 veterans and we want this to be a successful venture. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
45 we want this to fall within the parameters that we need for the Village in terms of housing.

1 Trustee Waite stated the Executive Director of Respond Now indicated to Pastor Oliver that
2 Respond Now would be happy to work with them in any logical way that they could with
3 helping veterans. Respond Now has a long track record, over 50 years, of working with FEMA
4 and various other governmental agencies and getting Grants from those agencies. The Executive
5 Director of Respond Now felt that until the plan was further along than what it was when he had
6 a discussion with the Pastor that he would wait for the rest of it to get done.
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8 Village President Meyers-Martin assured the Board that the Village is checking every step of the
9 way of what is going on and how it is being done.
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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that homeowners and citizens may want to follow the Planning
12 and Zoning Commission. They will be deliberating on the zoning change and the Special Use
13 consideration before it even gets to the Board.
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15 Trustee Waite stated that it was the understanding of the Executive Director of Respond Now
16 that there are 200 beds and not 25.
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18 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is our understanding that it is somewhere in the
19 neighborhood of 40. Trustee Oliver stated that number keeps moving. That is why we don't even
20 want to entertain it until he comes to the Planning Commission or to the Village first to John.
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22 Administrator Mekarski stated that the only thing he is going to ask for in the Special Use
23 consideration is capped at 25. There is another 17 or 18 that could be for Phase II. He is probably
24 not going to exceed the total of those two sections. There use to be 200 beds but they took down
25 three large dormitories. He stated that not only do you have to have the beds, but they have to be
26 supported by kitchen facilities, elevators, ADA Accommodations, staffing, and fire safety. There
27 are a host of things. It may be a few more months at the Building Commission level before it
28 goes back to the Planning Commission.
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30 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not there were some water issues.
31 Trustee Oliver stated that he has a sprinkler system in.
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33 Administrator Mekarski stated that apparently they didn't take into consideration the existing
34 water lateral that is servicing the Fire Suppression System. The lateral itself may have to be
35 increased in size in order to support the system which is another expense.
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37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is also her understanding that the residents who
38 would be on the campus would be recommended by the VA Hospital. He would not be taking
39 outside people. It would be referrals from the VA Hospital.
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41 **Speedy Cash** - Administrator Mekarski stated that Trustee Oliver asked him to clarify something
42 for the record. The Speedy Cash that came to apply for a permit at the First Muffler Site on
43 Lincoln Highway and Governors and Crawford was denied by the Village's Building
44 Commissioner. He utilized existing law and past practice and determined that Payday Loan
45 Services were not financial institutions. The action of the Planning and Zoning Commission was
46 affirming the Building Commissioner's decision. Concurrently, the Board took an emergency

1 Ordinance and further clarified the existing definition. It was not a change of definition. It was a
2 declarative of existing law and past precedent.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that it has long been established that financial institutions in this
5 community are defined as Banks, Savings and Loans, and Mortgage Institutions and not Payday
6 Loan Services. He stated that Payday Loan Services are defined and regulated by State Statute in
7 a totally different category as well. Administrator Mekarski stated that he just wanted to clarify
8 that for the record. Administrator Mekarski thanked Trustee Oliver for bringing that to his
9 attention.

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11 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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13 **Diversity Inc. – 18th Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony – Wednesday, October 2, 2013,**
14 **from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Glenwoodie Country Club** – Village President Meyers-Martin
15 stated that in the Board Packet is a Memo regarding the 18th Annual Dinner for Diversity Inc.
16 The Village participates every year with Diversity Inc. in their Annual Dinner. She stated that for
17 the past six or seven years it was held at the Olympia Fields Country Club. This year it will be
18 held at Glenwoodie. Diversity Inc is an intergovernmental agency and they have members from
19 other Municipalities. She believes that some of the members were getting a little upset because it
20 was always held in Olympia Fields.

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Village will have two tables. They are extending
23 that to the Trustees, their spouses, and significant others. They welcome any resident from the
24 Village to attend. She stated that if any resident would like to attend they should contact the
25 Village. The Annual Dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd, at the Glenwoodie Country
26 Club. Cocktails begin at 6:00 P.M. Dinner will be at 7:00 P.M. They also give out Diversity
27 Awards. She stated that it is always a very enjoyable evening. The Village likes to support
28 Diversity Inc. in their endeavors.

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30 Trustee Gibson stated that since this comes under her Budget area, she spoke with Gladys.
31 Gladys has already made the accommodations and sent in the necessary paperwork to Diversity
32 Inc. Trustee Gibson indicated to Gladys that we do not like to have any seats empty. After
33 members of the Board and their significant others have indicated to Gladys that they wish to
34 attend, then the Village selects from Commissions and Committees throughout the Village for
35 the rest of the seats. She suggested that the Board and their significant others RSVP as soon as
36 possible, so that if all of the 20 seats are not taken, the Village can select other people that wish
37 to attend.

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39 **Meeting with State Representative Anthony DeLuca and the Illinois Municipal League -**
40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she attended a meeting that was hosted by State
41 Representative Anthony DeLuca as well as the Illinois Municipal League. She stated that the
42 Mayors from the following towns were present: Manhattan, Frankfort, Monee, Flossmoor,
43 Homewood, University Park, Mokena, and Olympia Fields. The purpose of the meeting was to
44 ask the Mayors what concerns they had in their individual Villages, and what legislation they
45 wanted Anthony DeLuca to take to Springfield. He wanted to get more parameters on if he is on
46 the floor, how to reach him in the passage of certain Bills. It was very informative. She stated
47 that they appreciate State Representative DeLuca including the Mayors, because many times

1 legislation is called in Springfield and we don't necessarily have all of the information about
2 what is going on in those Bills.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is glad that she got to participate. She spoke with
5 State Representative DeLuca directly about some of our concerns with IDOT, and some of our
6 concerns about school funding which has been a continuous fight for many years. Village
7 President Meyers-Martin was glad that she was able to participate.

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9 **Economic Development Committee for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus** – Village President
10 Meyers-Martin stated that she has been named to the Economic Development Committee for the
11 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. She is very excited about that. They have not had their first
12 meeting yet. They are renewing that Committee. It was in place for some time and then it went
13 into hiatus. They are bringing it back. She is excited to know what opportunities the Village will
14 be able to access by participating with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

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16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that as a result of that appointment she had a meeting
17 with the Mayor of Northbrook. He has been very helpful and insightful about some things. She is
18 looking forward to working with that Economic Development Committee for the Metropolitan
19 Mayors Caucus.

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21 **Village of Olympia Fields has a Sister Submarine** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated
22 that at the beginning of August she was in Maui. A resident that lives in the Village who was a
23 veteran stationed at Pearl Harbor arranged for Village President Meyers-Martin as Mayor to
24 board and tour the USS Olympia. It is a nuclear sub in port at the Pearl Harbor Naval Base. They
25 had just returned from deployment. She stated that it was very, very nice. Master Chief Cash
26 Caldwell was her escort. He is the Commander of the entire Submarine Pacific Fleet. His
27 assistant was Master Chief Machinist Salisbury who works with all of the nuclear submarines. It
28 was very exciting.

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30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that what she is very pleased about is they asked the
31 Village President to send them the flag of the Village of Olympia Fields because we are
32 "Olympia Fields," and they are now hanging that in their mess hall so that every time when they
33 give out awards or have ceremonies, they will take pictures in front of the Village's flag and they
34 will put it on their website. They have now officially become our sister submarine. She stated
35 that it was really great. She was very pleased to be able to take part in that. Her official escort
36 escorted them to the airport in a naval car and walked them through security. She stated that it
37 was really great. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that all of the officers and men were so
38 excited to have the Mayor of Olympia Fields onboard. They took pictures. She got to look
39 through the periscope. She stated that it was great. The Village now has a sister submarine.
40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that up to that point they had affiliated all of their press
41 with "Olympia Washington." But now we are on their radar and we will be on their website.

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43 Trustee Waite inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin whether or not we can get a picture
44 of the submarine and put it in the lobby. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is going
45 to ask them to send that. She sent the Village flag to them this past Friday.

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1 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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3 **Dead or Dying Trees in the Village had been Removed** – Trustee Nale stated that in the
4 Minutes it said that all of the trees that were dying or dead have been removed. Trustee Nale
5 stated that there is a couple in the Original Village that has been marked, but they have not been
6 removed yet.

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8 Trustee Waite stated that the first phase was completed. Administrator Mekarski stated correct.
9 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that maybe it is unclear in the Minutes that it is the first
10 phase.

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12 Trustee Waite stated that he said it but he probably didn't say it correctly. There are more trees
13 that are going to need to be removed because they are dying on a regular basis. The
14 Beautification Group from the Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association are cataloging all
15 the trees in our area and getting a combined agreement of the homeowners to have all the dead
16 trees and the dying trees on private property removed, and negotiating a better price so that the
17 Arborist can go through in an organized manner.

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19 Trustee Nale inquired of Trustee Waite whether or not he could make that knowledge available.
20 Trustee Waite stated that Susan Moroney has organized our Committee. He is sure that she has
21 everything that you need. Trustee Waite stated that Susan Moroney and her group went around
22 and looked at, and identified the location of all of the trees and made a separate form out for each
23 homeowner's property. There are about 400 homes. The Committee is going to have to go
24 around and give the price to the homeowner who has to agree to it and then write a check.
25 Trustee Waite stated that it is a heck of a job but it will once and for all get it all behind us.

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27 **Public Safety Committee Meeting** – Trustee Gibson stated that she forgot something in her
28 report. Trustee Gibson stated that on Wednesday, September 11th, at 2:00 P.M., the Public Safety
29 Committee will convene for the express purpose of interviewing some candidates that have been
30 vetted to fill the very important vacancies of part-time police officer. She stated that they are
31 beginning with the Public Safety Committee Members and later it will be presented to the Board
32 for final approval.

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34 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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36 **Celebration and Dedication for Trustee Ormsby** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
37 she wanted to remind everyone that on Thursday, September 12th, at 5:00 P.M. we will be
38 dedicating the Little Garden of Olympia Fields which is at 203rd Street and the Metra Station to
39 the work and the deeds of our former Trustee, Susan Ormsby. It starts at 5 o'clock and it is
40 scheduled to run to 6:30 P.M. She stated that we are hoping that many residents will attend. She
41 stated that we are really looking forward to that. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is
42 a very beautiful garden. Susan is responsible for a lot of the work that has been done there.
43 Village President Meyers-Martin invited everyone to attend the dedication of the plaque for
44 former Trustee Susan Ormsby. The Beautification Committee worked so hard to put that
45 together. She stated that she is looking forward to that.

1 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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- 3 **Appointment of Delores Woods to the Educational Commission**
4 **Appointment of Keisha L. Billups to the Educational Commission**
5 **Appointment of Gregory Foster to the Finance Committee**

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7 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that before she goes into the appointments scheduled for
8 the Agenda, she wanted to clarify that at the last Board Meeting she had indicated that she would
9 be making recommendations for the vacancy of Trustee Susan Ormsby's Trustee position as well
10 as Finance Committee appointments. She stated that didn't exactly work out the way that she
11 thought. It was difficult to schedule all of the interviews that she had to take place because we
12 had many applicants for the Trustee position as well as many for the Finance Committee. Village
13 President Meyers-Martin stated that it is now her plan that at the next Board Meeting on
14 September 23rd she will make her recommendation for the Trustee position appointment. Once
15 the Board has approved it, the swearing-in will take place at the first meeting in October which is
16 October 8th. All of the applicants will be notified by mail once she has made the decision on the
17 recommendation.

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19 **Appointment of Delores Woods to the Educational Commission and the Appointment of**
20 **Keisha L. Billups to the Educational Commission** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated
21 that this evening she has two appointments for the Educational Commission. The first one is
22 Delores Woods and the second one is Keisha Billups. Their Applications and their Resumes are
23 in the Board Packet.

24 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Waite to approve the candidacy of Delores**
25 **Woods to the Village of Olympia Fields Educational Commission for the term expiring on**
26 **January 2015, or until their successor has been appointed and qualified.**

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

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin congratulated Delores Woods.

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31 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the candidacy of Keisha L.**
32 **Billups to the Village of Olympia Fields Educational Commission for the term expiring on**
33 **January 2015, or until their successor has been appointed and qualified.**

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

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36 Village President Meyers-Martin congratulated Keisha Billups.

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38 **Appointment of Gregory Foster to the Finance Committee** - Village President Meyers-Martin
39 stated that one of her recommendations for appointment to the Finance Committee is Gregory
40 Foster. His Application and his Resume are in the Board Packet.

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42 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to approve the candidacy of Gregory**
43 **Foster to the Village of Olympia Fields Finance Committee for a term continuing until a**
44 **new appointment is made by the Village President.**

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

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin congratulated Mr. Foster. Village President Meyers-Martin
2 stated that we are not having an Executive Session tonight.

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4 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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6 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Waite to adjourn at 8:13 P.M.**

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

8 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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