

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on September 10, 2012**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 10, 2012,
6 at the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village
7 Administrator/Village Clerk David Mekarski at 7:02 P.M.

8 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to appoint Trustee Susan**
9 **Ormsby as the President Pro Tem for the evening.**

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

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12 The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Administrator Mekarski/Village Clerk
13 called the roll.

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15 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Oliver, Pennington, Nale and Waite
16 President Pro Tem Susan Ormsby
17 Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David Mekarski
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19 Absent: Village President Meyers-Martin
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21 **MINUTES:**
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23 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to approve the Minutes of**
24 **August 27th, 2012, as amended.**

25 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
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27 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**
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29 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she has Bills for Approval in the amount of
30 \$129,224.87. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the
31 more specific payouts.
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33 Trustee Nale inquired what the one bill was for under “Administration” marked, “SBA
34 Phase II, Teska Associates.” Trustee Gibson stated that is the Grant for the Retail
35 Redlining. Trustee Nale stated that is what she thought it was. Administrator Mekarski
36 stated that we received two Federal Earmarks on behalf of the four communities. The
37 first one in '09 was for \$123,000.00. The second one was for \$100,000.00 in 2010. This
38 is money being paid out to the consulting team because there are four consultants for the
39 four communities. The reimbursement is being put through SBA. They are Federal Funds
40 not Local Funds.
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42 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that under “Building” we have “Robinson Engineering
43 for \$6,375.00.” That amount reflects the study that the Village did for safety at the new
44 park. She stated that we have over \$185,000.00 being paid to Robinson Engineering at
45 this point. President Pro Tem Ormsby inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not he

1 could provide an accounting of that to the Board at the Board Meeting on September 24th
2 or at the October 8th Board Meeting. Trustee Pennington stated that he would do that.

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4 Trustee Gibson stated that the top of Page 2 of the Detailed Report states: “Baxter &
5 Woodman, Reserves 2012 Construction.” She inquired of Administrator Mekarski
6 whether or not that is a pass-through.

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8 Administrator Mekarski stated that really has nothing to do with the Reserves
9 Subdivision. He stated that has to do with Storm Water Management and shifting a large
10 culvert that is associated with the construction that is going on on Orchard Drive across
11 Lincoln Highway. He stated that on the side of the Reserves of Maynegaite there is a very
12 large drainage culvert that had to be moved about 20-feet to the east because there was
13 interference with the reconstruction plans of that corridor. Administrator Mekarski stated
14 that we had to confirm that was on a public easement. Baxter & Woodman was involved
15 with the review of the IDOT Plans to make sure that it was consistent with the plans on
16 file with the subdivision development. It was initially installed as part of the Storm Water
17 Management improvements for the Reserves of Maynegaite. It was not initiated by the
18 developer of the Reserves of Maynegaite. That subdivision is in foreclosure. It was
19 initiated by IDOT, but it was required to be reviewed by our engineers.

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21 Trustee Gibson stated that the Village has to pay for the engineer but IDOT pays for the
22 actual work. Administrator Mekarski stated yes. He stated that there was an excessive
23 amount of search to determine if there was a legal easement on file. We had to insure that
24 the reconstruction of it was not going to damage the integrity of the original Storm Water
25 Management Plan that was laid out a number of years ago.

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27 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not that needs to be clarified
28 going forward. She stated that it is a tad confusing. She inquired whether or not there
29 should be a note on it.

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31 Trustee Pennington stated that we can attach a note to that particular line item to
32 delineate exactly what it is for. He stated that going forward; he believes that is the
33 proper way to do it.

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35 Administrator Mekarski stated that Joe Alexa can provide the details on the engineering
36 that was involved in that and why it was necessary to relocate it. He stated that Trustee
37 Gibson and President Pro Tem Ormsby could give Mr. Alexa a call tomorrow.

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39 Trustee Gibson stated that her only question was if the Reserves of Maynegaite was in
40 foreclosure, why the Village would be paying money from our Budget for that. She stated
41 that she understands now.

42 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment**
43 **of Bills for August 27th, 2012, in the total amount of \$129,224.87.**

44 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**
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1 **MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

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3 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that Administrator Mekarski’s sister, Cynthia, passed
4 away this weekend. She was 59 years old. She became ill less than a month ago and she
5 struggled mightily, but passed away early Sunday morning. She asked for a moment to
6 keep her in our thoughts. She extended her thanks to everyone. She stated that it is a very
7 difficult loss. Administrator Mekarski thanked President Pro Tem Ormsby.

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9 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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11 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:15 P.M.

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13 **2012 Summer Landscape Awards** – President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that this is the
14 time where we give out our Landscape Awards. Arlene Burke, Chairman of the
15 Beautification Committee will be presenting the awards. President Pro Tem Ormsby
16 stated that we have two, brand new award winners this year.

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18 Mrs. Arlene Burke stated that despite the fact that we had a drought and extreme heat and
19 a pretty tough summer for the growth of plants and flowers, we still had a beautiful
20 Village. She stated that if you have not driven around the Village to look at the
21 landscaping you have missed a treat because it was just lovely this summer as it is every
22 summer. She stated that it was a hard decision once again.

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24 Mrs. Burke stated that the Third Place Award goes to the Paige Family. They live at 3530
25 Ithaca Road. She asked Doris Meredith to step up. Mrs. Meredith is the President of the
26 Arcadia Homeowners Association. Mrs. Burke stated that the Paige Family will receive a
27 Gift Certificate to Sunnycrest Nursery in the amount of \$50.00. (There was a round of
28 applause). Mrs. Paige accepted the award.

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30 Mrs. Burke stated that the Second Place Award goes to the Francisco Family. They reside
31 at 97 Graymoor. President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that once again, their home was
32 spectacular. Mrs. Burke stated that it is one of the most spectacular yards in the Village.
33 They do a lot of the work themselves. They plant every year. It isn’t just perennials but
34 lots of annuals too. Their award is a \$75.00 Gift Certificate to Sunnycrest Nursery. Their
35 award will be mailed to them due to the fact no one is here. (There was a round of
36 applause).

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38 Mrs. Burke stated that the First Place Award goes to the Johnson Family. They live in
39 The Greens. Their address is 2521 Glen Eagles Drive. She stated that everyone should be
40 sure to drive by and see this home. Their award is a \$100.00 Gift Certificate to
41 Sunnycrest Nursery. (There was a round of applause). Mr. and Mrs. Johnson accepted the
42 award.

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44 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that it is very exciting for them when they have brand
45 new winners. She stated that all of the houses were beautiful. She thanked everyone for
46 working so hard and keeping our Village so beautiful.

1 Trustee Oliver stated that he wanted to let the Beautification Committee know that the
2 entryway at the Village Hall looks so nice. He has watched the summer flowers transition
3 into the fall flowers. He stated that it is a beautiful entryway. President Pro Tem Ormsby
4 stated thank you so much. We appreciate it.

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6 Mrs. Burke introduced Susan Moroney, another member of the Beautification
7 Committee. (There was a round of applause).

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9 President Pro Tem Ormsby thanked Susan Moroney and Arlene Burke for all of their
10 work. She stated that the three of them are always judging the Landscape Awards along
11 with some of the other members of the Committee. She appreciates that they are always
12 with her.

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14 **Promotions within the Police Department** - Mrs. Helen Burleson stated that she resides
15 at 56 Graymoor. She has been a resident of the Village for 43 years. She stated that she
16 sent the Board a letter about a month and a half ago regarding three issues. She will
17 discuss two of the issues at a later date. She just wanted to talk about one issue this
18 evening. Mrs. Burleson stated that when she moved out here there were very few black
19 people in any of the surrounding suburbs, Olympia Fields, Flossmoor, Homewood,
20 Richton Park, and Matteson. Since that time our black and minority population has
21 grown. She stated that we have never had a minority policeman, especially a black one
22 promoted beyond the rank of Corporal. It distresses her and she feels like she is being
23 taxed without representation. She stated that it is an unfair oversight. There have been
24 black officers who have served with distinction. There have been white officers that have
25 come onto the police force subsequent to the hiring of black officers and some of them
26 have been promoted, while the black officers remain Privates. One of them was finally
27 elevated to Corporal. She stated that this gravely concerns her. Mrs. Burleson believes
28 that in this day and age, even it is no more than fairness; we certainly should have a black
29 police officer that our children can look up to and can aspire to say, "Well, one day I
30 might be a Sergeant or a Captain, or even a Police Chief." She would like the Board to
31 address that issue, and tell her why it has never happened, and when as fast as possible it
32 will happen.

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34 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that our Liaison to the Police Department is here this
35 evening. President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she remembers this conversation clearly.
36 She stated that it was when President Jones was in office. It was a bit of a time ago. The
37 discussion that he had brought forward was that there had been so many policemen that
38 have been on the force for so long, that you can't pass over someone that has been on the
39 force for a great number of years just to promote someone of color. She believes that was
40 the issue then.

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42 Trustee Gibson stated that she has been the Liaison to the Police Department for not quite
43 a year now. She doesn't have very much history to go back to bring up some pertinent
44 facts concerning why that did not happen. She believes that it should happen. She has
45 been given the information that the Village has not had a very large group of African-
46 American Officers to apply for jobs. She stated that we are working through a situation

1 that you probably are aware of, and we are aware of, that hopefully will bring about some
2 equity. She can't say what happened before nine-months ago. She stated that we are all
3 very diligent about looking into the things that happened in the police department now so
4 that it will be very transparent. She promised that what we can do we will do. She stated
5 that we hear your concern, and it is not only your concern, it is the concern of a number
6 of people.

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8 Mrs. Burleson stated that when President Jones stated that to her he kind of caught her
9 off-guard. But when she got home she started thinking, 22-years ago we didn't have a
10 black officer at all. So how could one have been promoted? She stated that after World
11 War II soldiers were given so many points when they took an exam because of the fact
12 that they had served their country. She stated that in view of the fact that there were no
13 black officers' 22-years ago that consideration should be given to that factor. She stated
14 that it is not their fault that they were not here 22 or 23-years ago.

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16 Trustee Waite stated that he has no problem passing over everybody to give a black
17 police officer some preferential treatment. He believes that they have gone through
18 enough over the years that preferential treatment is justified. He stated that you also don't
19 want to undermine the morale of the entire department and handicap somebody who isn't
20 extraordinarily qualified. He believes there is a lot of pressure going to be coming to bear
21 on this issue after we make a selection of a new Police Chief. That is his take on it. He
22 stated that he doesn't have a problem passing over anybody to make sure that we are
23 represented the way we should be represented.

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25 Mrs. Burleson inquired whether or not there are any police officers who have been
26 promoted and have been here under 22-years. Trustee Waite stated that he didn't know.
27 He is not in charge of that area. Mrs. Burleson inquired who would be able to give her
28 those statistics or data. Trustee Gibson stated that she didn't have the statistics before her
29 right now. She stated that she is sure that has happened.

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31 Trustee Waite stated but you are not suggesting that we should promote an unqualified
32 black person. Mrs. Burleson stated absolutely not. Mrs. Burleson stated that we have had
33 qualified black officers and it seems that each time they are ready for a promotion they
34 are demoted. There is something that comes up that to her is very questionable. Trustee
35 Waite stated that he thought she should preface that, in her opinion, because he doesn't
36 know the details of all of that and he is sure that she doesn't either.

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38 Mrs. Burleson stated that she could provide a specific example and it goes beyond her
39 opinion. She stated that when Officer O'Connor was here, Officer O'Connor was falsely
40 accused of defrauding the Village, billing for time that he did not serve. He was supposed
41 to go to the Markham Courthouse. He didn't have a car. She believes that Officer
42 Peterson was going to take him to the courthouse. On the way there, Officer Keith called
43 him and told him to bring the squad car back to the community because it was the only
44 squad car available. She isn't sure whether it was Chief Chudwin or Marsala, but
45 whoever the Chief was said, "Take my car." Officer O'Connor said he couldn't drive his
46 car because he had arrested people and they would recognize his car and they might do

1 damage to it. There was a big meeting about it and the residents of the community
2 objected to this treatment because he did go to Court, but Court had been dismissed by
3 the time he got there. She stated that was unfair. She stated that it was unfair that they put
4 in his personnel file that he had defrauded the Village. He was suspended for one day
5 instead of three-days because the community objected. She stated that is one instance,
6 and it is a matter of fact and not her opinion. She stated that she has the newspaper article
7 at home.

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9 Trustee Pennington stated that the one thing to remember and to recognize is that
10 although those were egregious incidents, it doesn't have any bearing at this point in time
11 on what we are doing here as a Board. He stated that we are looking very aggressively to
12 fill the Police Chief's position. He stated that your concern is my concern as well. He has
13 issues. He realizes that he cannot take that position until we get a Chief in position, and
14 then have the strategies and the methodologies put into place to insure that an African-
15 American Police Officer is promoted. He has had questions about the promotion process
16 and how anyone would be promoted on the police department. He stated that we have to
17 look at that entire process to make sure that there are no discrepancies, and if there are
18 then we need to alleviate those discrepancies. He stated that the Board will look at it. We
19 are concerned. We will get to the bottom of this. He stated that it won't happen the day
20 after tomorrow. It won't happen until we have the full police issue resolved.

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22 Trustee Waite stated that it is one of the uppermost priorities that we have.

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24 Mrs. Burleson inquired whether or not the new Police Chief would be involved in making
25 a decision about officers about whom he has no knowledge. Trustee Pennington stated
26 that the new Chief will be given detailed information about the agency as a whole. He
27 will have to make a decision.

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29 Trustee Waite stated that the new Chief will be able to look at the records, just like the
30 Board reviews the Resumes of the various applicants for Police Chief and will make a
31 decision. The new Chief will do the same thing with the assistance of the Board and those
32 that have been here for quite a while. Trustee Pennington stated especially with the
33 Liaison to the police department.

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35 Trustee Gibson stated that we have a Public Safety Committee. It is a very good group of
36 people that make recommendations. She stated that what is said in the police department
37 is passed through them onto the Board. Some of the Committee Members are former
38 police officers and former security people. It is a varied group of people from the
39 community. She stated that it won't be just the Chief, and the Acting Chief, and the
40 Board, it will be the entire group of people coming together. It will be very transparent.
41 She is hoping that the Village can solve the problems that Mrs. Burleson is concerned
42 about.

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44 Mrs. Burleson stated that as a school teacher, a letter grade doesn't tell the whole story of
45 a child, or a child's ability, or his potential. She asked the Board to keep that in mind
46 when they talk about looking at the personnel files that that doesn't tell the whole story.

1 Trustee Oliver stated that he had to applaud Mrs. Burleson for bringing this to the
2 attention of the Board and in a public manner such as this. He stated that this is more or
3 less sort of the elephant in the room. It has been an age old issue that we have all tiptoed
4 around or tried to skirt as best as we can for whatever reason. He stated that the Board is
5 trying to assure you that progressive actions are underway. He stated that it is just
6 something that has to happen, not because the Board wants it, not just because the Village
7 President wants it, but the community is looking for this. He stated that Mrs. Burleson
8 has been talking about this for a long time. He stated that now we go on Public Record
9 saying that we are planning to do something of a parody within not just the police force
10 but the Village as a whole. He stated that we will be looking at all of those issues.

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12 Trustee Waite stated that it is the right thing to do and we all recognize that.

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14 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she hopes that this gave Dr. Burleson some
15 answers. She stated that this Board is absolutely committed to having the best Police
16 Chief installed. The Village has spent the money to have a search. This is the first time
17 that the Board has all been involved. Trustee Gibson is committed to transparency.
18 Everyone is committed to achieving the best police force that we possibly can. She hopes
19 that alone gives Mrs. Burleson some comfort. She stated that she hears what Mrs.
20 Burleson is saying and she heard her before. She stated that it is a new game in town
21 now. She stated that the Board has been working very hard and the Board will be doing
22 its homework. Mrs. Burleson stated that she will let this stand as a big issue and she will
23 come back regarding the other two issues. President Pro Tem Ormsby thanked Mrs.
24 Burleson for coming. There were no other members of the public that wished to address
25 the Board. Village President Pro Tem Ormsby closed Communications and Petitions at
26 7:40 P.M.

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28 **FINANCE:**

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30 **July 2012 Financial Statements – Corporate Fund** - Trustee Pennington stated that he
31 will be reporting tonight on the Village's financial position ending July 31st, 2012.
32 Trustee Pennington stated that this financial summary covers Period 3 of the Village's
33 2013 Budget. He stated that with respect to the Corporate Fund, we closed the month of
34 July in surplus status. Actual fund revenue was unfavorable to Budget Projections by
35 \$24,565.16 or 3% of Plan. The Village's Plan Revenue Budget for July was \$762,347.92.
36 The Village's actual realized revenue for this period was \$737,782.76. In reviewing the
37 Village's core revenue generators: Sales Tax Revenue was unfavorable to Budget Plan by
38 12%. The Village's July Budget Figure for Sales Tax was \$52,083.34. The Village's
39 actual realized amount was \$46,086.99. State Income Tax Revenue was favorable to
40 Budget Projections by 27%. The Village's Plan Budget Figure in this line item was
41 \$31,666.67. The Village's actual realized revenue was \$43,165.66. Real Estate Tax
42 Revenue in July was favorable to Budget Plan by \$10,186.21. The Building Permit
43 Revenue was favorable to Budget Plan by \$11,498.99. Trustee Pennington stated that we
44 are beginning to see increases in the pulling of Building Permits in the month of July.
45 Local Use Tax was favorable to Budget Projections by 3%; \$583,034.00 budgeted to
46 \$5,986.21 actual. Utility Tax Revenue was also unfavorable to July Budget Projections

1 by 15%. Our Budget for this line item was set at \$33,333.34. The Village realized
2 \$28,221.67 in revenue. Towing and Impound Revenue remained unfavorable to Budget
3 Plan by 54%. The Village's Revenue Budget for this line item was \$25,833.34. The
4 Village's realized Towing and Impound Revenue for July was \$14,000.00. Revenue from
5 the Village's RedFlex Operation also remained unfavorable to Plan by 66%. Wireless
6 Revenue remained unfavorable to Budget Projections by 79%. Corporate Fund Expense
7 actual was unfavorable to Budget Projections by \$17,868.91, or 4% of Plan. The
8 Village's Plan Expense Budget for July was set at \$486,663.42. The Village's actual
9 incurred expense in this fund was \$504,532.33. He stated when comparing total revenue
10 incurred with total expense incurred; the Village realized a total fund surplus of
11 \$233,250.43 or 32% of revenue to expense realized. The Village's Fiscal Year to date
12 actual plus encumbrance in the Corporate Fund ending July 31st, 2012, is a surplus,
13 \$234,923.54.
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15 **Water Fund & Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that he wanted to abbreviate
16 the report on the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund given the fact that both of those funds
17 closed July in surplus status. The Village saw moderate increases in revenues in both
18 areas, and smaller increases in the expense factor. The Fiscal Year to date actual plus
19 encumbrance in the Water Fund is a surplus \$88,133.15. The Fiscal Year to date actual
20 plus encumbrance in the Sewer Fund remains a negative \$137,774.32. This number is
21 coming down significantly. When Trustee Pennington first started the report on Fiscal
22 Year 2013, the sewer figure was in excess of \$250,000.00 negative.
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24 **Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances for July 2012** – Trustee Pennington stated that
25 we also have the Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances for the month of July. The
26 Village's cash position for the month of July is positive. There has been a 9% increase in
27 the Village's cash position over June 30th of this year. The Village is significantly strong
28 in its cash positions.
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30 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that is good news about our Building Permits. That is
31 what we have been hoping and waiting for. She stated that hopefully that will continue to
32 rise as we go forward.
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34 Trustee Waite stated that the total is approaching \$5,000,000.00 in cash which means we
35 are in pretty good shape. Trustee Pennington stated that is exactly correct.
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37 **BUILDING:**
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39 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she did not have a formal report this evening.
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41 **PLANNING:**
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43 **Request for Funding for the Olympia Fields Park District Fall Pumpkin Festival** –
44 Trustee Oliver stated that at the last Board Meeting we had a discussion about a request
45 that the Park District was making in regards to the Fall Pumpkin Festival. It was the

1 Board's desire that the Park District make a presentation regarding their request. Trustee
2 Oliver turned the discussion over to Denise Will and J.T. Malak of the Park District.

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4 President Pro Tem Ormsby inquired of them the dollar amount that they are looking for
5 from the Board. Denise Will stated that for the last three-years the Village has been a
6 partner with the Park District for this event. She stated that for the last three-years the
7 Village gave \$1,500.00. She stated that they didn't want the Village to give a specific
8 amount. They wanted them to donate what they can or what they wish. They don't plan
9 the event around a certain amount that the Village is going to provide. She stated that
10 whatever the Village does provide enhances the event because they are able to pay for
11 more activities for the kids. She stated that J.T. did ask for an amount. President Pro Tem
12 Ormsby stated that he asked for \$3,000.00.

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14 Mrs. Will stated that is just a suggested amount and she is sure that Mr. Malak explained
15 what they could add to the event. President Pro Tem Ormsby inquired of Mrs. Will what
16 the Park District's cost is for the whole event. Mr. Malak provided the Board with a
17 document outlining the cost of the event. The Budget for the event is \$13,322.00.
18 President Pro Tem Ormsby inquired of Mrs. Will whether or not the Park District budgets
19 \$13,322.00 for the event. She was trying to ascertain what the Park District actually
20 needed from the Village.

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22 Mr. Malak stated that he is J.T. Malak and he is the Superintendent of Recreation for the
23 Park District. This is what they had budgeted to spend on the event. The money that they
24 receive from donors helps them enhance the event and add more to the event. In the letter
25 that he sent to Village President Meyers-Martin he had requested \$3,000.00. That was a
26 suggested amount. He based that on some of the previous costs for some of the additional
27 attractions at the event. He stated that we had partnered with the Village as a co-sponsor
28 for this event in years past. The hope this year was that they could enhance the event and
29 continue to help it grow. It is the largest special event that they put on in Olympia Fields.
30 Last year they had over 1,000 people in attendance. He stated that not everyone that
31 attended was from the Village. He stated that it is a good thing to have this as a
32 destination point and to hopefully continue to grow this event so that it does become a
33 destination point and that it continues to bring more and more people into the area to see
34 what a great Village we are located in.

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36 Trustee Pennington stated that one of the things that jumps out at him is that their
37 expenses exceed their revenue. He inquired of Mr. Malak whether or not there was
38 anything in their expense factor that they could cut to bring their Budget in line. Mrs.
39 Will stated that because it is a special event and the largest one, it is not intended to be a
40 break-even event. It is the Park District's way of giving back to the community by
41 subsidizing some of the event. All of the donations and the ticket sales help them to make
42 it a great event. She stated that if they had to absorb the whole amount it would be pretty
43 difficult. They could cut some of the inflatables or they could cut down staff. If they do
44 that they would have to cut the event down pretty substantially, and they wouldn't get the
45 numbers of people that they hope to get just by having a DJ and a hayride.

1 Trustee Waite inquired of Mrs. Will whether or not the negative number they see if they
2 are hoping to get donations large enough to make that a break-even or a positive number.
3 Mrs. Will stated that would be wonderful. They always strive for that. Trustee
4 Pennington inquired of Mrs. Will whether or not that has ever happened in the past. Mrs.
5 Will stated no, it has not.

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7 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that the ticket price is \$1.00. She suggested increasing
8 that to \$2.00. Mr. Malak stated that the price of the tickets is designed to make it
9 inexpensive for families to enjoy the attractions. He appreciates the suggestions. The goal
10 wasn't necessarily to look for that. They plan special events and often times they are
11 planned to provide greater attractions then they can pay for on their own. They are
12 subsidized with other programs. The Zumba Fitness Class that they offer is designed to
13 make greater revenue which helps offset the cost of programs like this. The reason they
14 are coming to the Village is because it is a great opportunity for the two agencies to
15 partner together again. He stated that if it allows them to offer more for the citizens of the
16 Village then they would love to do that.

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18 President Pro Tem Ormsby wanted them to understand that they are asking for money
19 that the Village did not budget for. Mr. Malak stated that he understands that. President
20 Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she is trying to get her arms around how the Village can help
21 them. She stated that it is great for the two entities to work together. She stated that it is
22 September 15th, and the event is in October and the Village did not budget for it. She
23 stated that the Trustees have questions. President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that all of us
24 are delighted that you are having this event. She stated that the event is less than a month
25 away and you are asking us for money. She stated that it isn't that the Village doesn't
26 want to partner with you. She stated that you took us by surprise. She stated that our
27 Financial Trustee looks at this very seriously as does the rest of the Board. President Pro
28 Tem Ormsby deferred to Trustee Pennington and what dollar amount he would be
29 comfortable with.

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31 Trustee Gibson inquired of the representatives from the Park District whether or not this
32 was the same kind of event that was held last year. Mrs. Will stated yes. Trustee Gibson
33 stated and you realized that you were going to need this kind of money for the next year.
34 Mrs. Will stated that she was expecting the Village to do what it had done in the past and
35 give them \$1,500.00. She wasn't expecting \$3,000.00.

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37 Trustee Gibson stated that last year she thought that they had changed venues and had
38 changed from one to the other. She stated that you use to have one thing and you told us
39 when you came last year that one didn't bring about very many people and so you were
40 concentrating on the Pumpkin Fest. Mrs. Will stated that you are right, but it was years
41 ago. She stated that we use to partner for the Fun Fest. She stated for the last few years it
42 has been for the Pumpkin Fest. The Family Fun Fest that is held in the summer didn't
43 bring the numbers. She doesn't know if it is because it is the summer. They had it this
44 year at Tolentine. She stated that this time of the year is a good time when it is fall and in
45 early October. She stated that people are glad to get outside and it has cooled off, and it is

1 the fall harvest. She stated that is better that we partner on this event because of the
2 number of people that we reach.

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4 Trustee Gibson stated that when you do a budget you know how much you have to spend
5 last year and you normally budget that amount for next year. She stated that she believes
6 that they didn't budget enough. She stated that I believe that you are expecting that the
7 program will get bigger and bigger.

8
9 Mrs. Will stated that J.T. is new on our staff and he has taken over the event. He has had
10 his own approach to soliciting donors. She stated that maybe his goal is to make it bigger.
11 She stated that MOF is adding two attractions to it. She stated that it will be a much
12 larger event. She believes that he was looking for increased dollars to help us get to that
13 break-even point. She stated that it is probably pretty presumptuous on our part to think
14 that the Village will help us out with the \$1,500.00 again. She stated that we should
15 submit our request to the Village during the Village's Budget time. She stated that is the
16 sensible thing to do and we didn't do that. Mrs. Will apologized to the Board for that.

17
18 Trustee Nale stated that she is just concerned with the fact that with our Budget we
19 weren't able to give our employees a cost of living wage increase. She stated that is her
20 main concern.

21
22 Trustee Waite stated that the total expense is \$13,000.00. He stated that if you have 1,000
23 people you are spending \$13.00 for each one of those people to be entertained. He stated
24 that you are getting \$8.00 from someplace. You are only getting \$1.00 for each one of
25 those tickets. That is only covering \$8,000.00 of the revenue. He stated that there are
26 probably a lot of businesses and people in the area that would love to donate something if
27 anybody would just go and ask them for it. He stated that we have a golf outing coming
28 up a week from today and we get thousands of dollars in revenue from that because local
29 businesses donate to it. He stated that somebody has to go and ask them for it. Mr. Malak
30 stated that they have other avenues to do that.

31
32 Trustee Pennington stated that the Village did not budget for this event. There is no
33 money there at all, zero. He stated that to be fair, we can look at the Budget and see what
34 discretionary funds may be available. Trustee Pennington stated that he is not making any
35 promises. He stated then we have to bring it back to the Board for final approval.

36
37 Mrs. Will stated that she was thinking that maybe there was something the Village could
38 donate in kind like maybe a police officer for traffic control. She stated that we do that
39 with our businesses too. We kind of have a give and take thing. She stated that still
40 affects your Budget, but it would be something that would be beneficial to them.

41
42 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that is a great idea. She stated that we will have to
43 defer that to Trustee Pennington to take a look at it. She stated that Village President
44 Meyers-Martin will be back this week and she is sure that the Village President and
45 Trustee Pennington will meet. She stated that we will get back to you.

1 President Pro Tem Ormsby thanked Mrs. Will and Mr. Malak for coming in. She stated
2 that when it is our Budget time and you want the Village to partner with you, bring in
3 what you are asking so that we can take a look at it and see if it is feasible. She stated that
4 everybody struggles with their Budget and nobody struggled more mightily than this
5 Board did. She stated that we wish you well with your event. It is great PR for us.
6

7 Mrs. Will stated that we hope to see everyone out there. She stated that it would be nice if
8 everyone came out. Mrs. Will stated that they struggled with raising the ticket price to
9 \$2.00. She stated that a lot of people that come bring six and ten kids with them. She
10 stated that when you have to pay \$2.00 per ticket and the kids want to go on a ride more
11 than once or on a pony ride more than once, or they want to buy a hot dog, she stated for
12 those people it really gets expensive. They thought about doing wrist bands where you
13 pay a certain amount and you get a wrist band and you don't use tickets.
14

15 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she has respect for what the Park District is trying
16 to do. She thanked them for coming in. She stated that this is a little unpleasant. She
17 stated that we don't mean to turn you down but this is our process.

18 Mrs. Will stated that she understands and you are absolutely right. She stated that we
19 should have approached you during the Budget.
20

21 Administrator Mekarski stated that he wanted to emphasize our partnership between this
22 governing body and the Park District. He stated that with the Tolentine Park this Board
23 just invested about \$6,500.00 in doing a Detailed Traffic Analysis for that pedestrian
24 crossing. The Village is applying for a Permit through IDOT to try to secure that. He
25 stated that the Village President and the Board burned a lot of midnight oil and was able
26 to successfully transfer \$444,000.00 from intersection improvements that were
27 designated for 203rd and Crawford to 207th and Governors Highway and the Tolentine
28 Park. It should give the Village adequate funds to do the proper kind of crossing with the
29 lane improvements to provide a permanent solution that we all envisioned a few months
30 ago when we had that brainstorming session with the two governing Boards. He stated
31 that the Village might be short on the Pumpkin Fest, but you might be half a Million
32 Dollars ahead on some of your traffic safety. He stated that effort might truly protect the
33 life of a child.
34

35 Mrs. Will stated that is great. She expressed condolences to Administrator Mekarski for
36 the loss of his sister. Administrator Mekarski expressed his thanks to Mrs. Will.
37

38 Mr. Malak thanked the Board for hearing them out and for their time. He stated that he
39 appreciates that. President Pro Tem Ormsby thanked Mrs. Will and Mr. Malak for
40 coming this evening.
41

42 Trustee Oliver stated that Sergeant Means Park is really well-decorated for the Pumpkin
43 Fest. They have the hayrides. They make a maze. He stated that kids from all over the
44 region come out to the park on that day. He stated that you guys do a really, really good
45 job and it makes us look really good. Trustee Oliver stated to Trustee Pennington that he
46 hopes we can find a couple of dollars to give to them.

1 Mr. Malak stated that the Pumpkin Fest will be held on Saturday, October 6th, at the
2 Sergeant Means Park from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

3
4 President Pro Tem Ormsby inquired of the representatives whether or not they were
5 going to bring some flyers over to the Village Hall about the event. Mr. Malak stated
6 absolutely.

7
8 **College and Career Readiness Conference and the Navy Pier College Tour Update -**

9 Trustee Oliver stated that the Educational Commission has rescheduled the College and
10 Career Readiness Conference that was previously set for September 15th. The new date
11 will be discussed at the Educational Commission Meeting tomorrow night. Hopefully, it
12 will be rescheduled at the end of this year.

13
14 Trustee Oliver stated that the Navy Pier College Tour is scheduled for September 29th.
15 The Educational Commission has decided not to take part in that activity this year. The
16 Educational Commission will allow the schools to decide whether or not they want the
17 Commission to partner with them on that event. Those two issues are off the table until
18 further notice.

19
20 Trustee Gibson inquired of Trustee Oliver why September 15th wasn't a good date.
21 Trustee Oliver stated that there was some reservation and some concern as to whether or
22 not we would hit the 200 to 300 people as participants of the conference. Trustee Oliver
23 was highly optimistic about it. He stated that other Commissioners were not as optimistic
24 in spite of the fact that we had employed the services of the A.C. Public Relations Group,
25 who had indicated that this was the optimal time to put out our Press Releases. He stated
26 that we were going to do a 30-second and a 60-second interview on the radio stations.
27 Mr. McLean sent out Press Releases to the print media. He had already started discussing
28 these ideas with the Superintendents. Trustee Oliver stated that we thought we could do it
29 better down the road.

30
31 President Pro Tem Ormsby inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not the Educational
32 Commission paid someone to promote this. Trustee Oliver stated yes. President Pro Tem
33 Ormsby inquired what the cost was that the Commission incurred. Trustee Oliver stated
34 that originally the invoice was for \$750.00. Due to the fact it was rescheduled, the
35 amount has been reduced to \$400.00. President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that I am sure
36 you are disappointed. Trustee Oliver stated to put it mildly, yes.

37
38 Administrator Mekarski stated that on behalf of the Commission, and he is speaking as
39 the Chairman Pro Tem, it was the prudent thing to do because the Commission was
40 looking at an expenditure between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 for the event. It is a major
41 event for the Educational Commission. The Commission is partnering with a 12-member
42 university consortium. Professors from Prairie State College were providing an activity of
43 robotics. They were donating seven-robots for the event for the children while the parents
44 were going through a series of seminars. When they were looking at their pre-registration
45 numbers they thought they would not achieve their goal of 200 to 300 participants. He
46 stated that it was better for the Commission to take a loss at the front end of it in regard to

1 some of the marketing, and give adequate time for the marketing consultant, the
2 Commission, and the volunteers to get the numbers up. The Commission is targeting
3 sixth, seventh, and eighth graders for college readiness. They want to impress upon the
4 children and the parents that they have to focus towards a professional career and college
5 and not wait until the sophomore or junior year in high school to do that because then it is
6 too late. He stated that in order to change a culture you have to start early.

7
8 Administrator Mekarski stated that the effort that Trustee Oliver and the Subcommittee
9 have put into this is daunting. Administrator Mekarski stated that he has largely backed
10 off on the hours that he has worked with the Commission on this. He has been
11 concentrating on Economic Development efforts and Grants. Trustee Oliver and the
12 Subcommittee have been doing all of the work. He stated that it was a hard decision for
13 them to reschedule the event but it was the right thing to do. The vote was five to three
14 with one abstention.

15
16 Trustee Oliver stated that thanks to a number of suggestions by Chairman Pro Tem
17 Mekarski in soliciting the three grade school Superintendents to partner with the
18 Commission and give us 100-students per District would go a long way in terms of
19 assisting the Commission in getting the 200 to 300-people we are looking for. He stated
20 that will help out a whole lot.

21
22 Trustee Gibson stated that she wants to agree that this is a very, very important program
23 for the Educational Commission to expand their program on, but only if the participants
24 realize that. That is why she asked the first question. She thought that September 15th was
25 a great day. It was at the beginning of everything. She stated that if you only have 20
26 people who have said they are coming, and they are not paying a fee, how do you know
27 they are going to come and you expend all that money and no one shows up then it is not
28 a good program. She stated that it is a good program for the Educational Commission, but
29 evidently the participants didn't see the same reason for not signing up.

30
31 Trustee Oliver stated that Rich 227 had somewhat of a similar program a couple of weeks
32 ago. The week before their conference they only had 50-people that were signed up. He
33 stated that they pushed forward and instead of getting 300-people they got 200-people to
34 participate in their conference. It was still a success and they will be building upon that.
35 Trustee Oliver stated that it was the same attitude that he had regarding the Educational
36 Commission's conference that we just have to keep moving forward. He stated that
37 regardless of whatever date you choose there is always something else that could get in
38 the way. He stated that the PR person is going to do two things. The PR person is going
39 to market this well for us, and he will also build a bridge between the Educational
40 Commission and Rich 227 which he can do better than any of us. He stated that there is
41 this perception that there is animosity between the two and there is not necessarily that.
42 We are fighting for the same thing. We are just trying to arrive at different ways. We are
43 championing on behalf of the residents of the Village that Rich 227 should be doing more
44 and they should be doing better. At the same time for the sake of the kids, we want them
45 to have a sense of pride that they went to Rich Central. The only way that we can help
46 them is to not beat up on the Administrators and the School Board all the time. He stated

1 that by rescheduling the conference, the understanding is that it will be better when we do
2 hold it.

3
4 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Educational Commission is having a Work
5 Session at 6:30 P.M. tomorrow night in the conference room. He encouraged members of
6 the audience to attend the Work Session. He stated that he knows the Enhancement
7 Organizations commitment and Helen Burleson's personal commitment because of the
8 presentation she made before the Educational Commission. He stated that her objectives
9 for this community and the education of the children parallel what the Commission is
10 doing. He invited Mrs. Burleson to attend the Work Session and work with the marketing
11 consultant and the Subcommittee.

12
13 **Educational Commission Report Timetable** – Trustee Oliver stated that his last report
14 is a little misleading. It suggests that there is an Educational Commission Report
15 Timetable. Trustee Oliver stated that the follow-up Report to the Mini Grants should be
16 provided to the Board at the first meeting in October. The Commission is working on it
17 now.

18
19 Trustee Oliver stated that the Annual Report will be ready by the first part of the year. It
20 will be a compilation of all of the events that have taken place since the inception of the
21 Educational Commission as well as a number of the most recent activities which will be a
22 little more comprehensive. There will be a paragraph on the challenges and the successes
23 on each of the different items that the Commission has attempted to address. They will
24 talk about what has happened in the last couple of years in a more comprehensive report.

25
26 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she needs a list of the feeder schools that feed into
27 our sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. The other thing that has always been puzzling to
28 her is the children that come out of the Arcadia School in the 90th percentile, what
29 happens to them. She would like to know that. She inquired whether or not they are
30 tracked. She inquired whether or not they go to our feeder schools and then to 227. She
31 inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not that is something that he can look at.

32
33 Trustee Oliver stated that he knows anecdotally that most of those kids go to Parochial
34 Schools. President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she is not asking for an answer tonight.
35 She suggested that he get together with Dr. Ransford. She believes that information
36 would be of interest to everyone.

37
38 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

39
40 **Trees** - Trustee Waite stated that with the drought and the heat we have had this year it
41 has put a lot of stress on our trees. This is in addition to the Emerald Ash Borer causing
42 problems with the Ash Trees. In the last month the Village has subcontracted to have
43 eight big trees removed by outside contractors. He stated that our in-house employees
44 removed 12-trees. He stated that is 20-trees plus all of the debris that falls in the couple of
45 storms that we have had this past month. He stated that we have generated about 450
46 cubic yards of mulch.

1 **Water Mains** – Trustee Waite stated that because of the drought it causes stress on the
2 water mains. This past month the Village has had eight repairs that had to be done to the
3 water mains. The ground settles and heaves and it puts stress on the pipes. Trustee Waite
4 stated that the Public Works Department has been busy doing a whole lot of things.

5
6 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that when they get to Unfinished Business on the
7 Agenda she will address some of the tree issues.

8
9 Trustee Gibson inquired of Trustee Waite whether or not he knows how they dispose of
10 the trees that have the Emerald Ash Borer. She was under the impression that those trees
11 had to be burned, and they could not be cut up as mulch because that would only spread
12 the Borer farther and wider.

13
14 Trustee Waite stated that the contractual people are in charge of cutting down the trees
15 and hauling them away and disposing of them. He stated that 12 of the trees were handled
16 by Public Works. Eight-trees were too large for the Public Works Department to handle.

17
18 Trustee Gibson stated that she spoke with Mr. Alexa some months ago about the
19 deplorable way that 207th off of Western looks, and how many Ash Trees that were there
20 had the Borer, and some were dead and some were dangerously getting ready to fall over.
21 She stated that if they have just mulched those up that is not good.

22
23 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she is going to address 207th Street in Unfinished
24 Business.

25
26 Trustee Waite stated that we decided not to push real hard on replanting new trees
27 because of the drought. Trustee Gibson stated that you couldn't do that until the fall
28 anyway.

29
30 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is his understanding from the Building
31 Commissioner that they allow the wood chipping provided it is chipped into a smaller
32 aggregate. They do not allow the transport of cut wood from one locale to another
33 because that does carry the Borer. He stated that if the chipper is set where the aggregate
34 of the chip is smaller it grinds up the Borers.

35
36 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

37
38 Trustee Nale stated that she doesn't have a formal report this evening.

39
40 **Park Forest Library** - Trustee Nale stated that the Park Forest Library will be having a
41 table at the Park Forest Art Fair which will be held September 15th and 16th.

42
43 **Personnel Handbook Update** – Trustee Nale inquired of Administrator Mekarski
44 whether or not she could have a report on his conversations with the Department Heads
45 in regard to the Personnel Handbook. She will be meeting with the Human Resource

1 Committee on September 17th. She stated that she would like to have that report by
2 Friday.

3
4 Administrator Mekarski stated that they were scheduled to meet but they didn't get to due
5 to some legal issues that he and members of the department had to attend to. That
6 meeting will be rescheduled. He stated that he would probably need two weeks from
7 today.

8
9 Trustee Nale stated that she won't have to change the Human Resource Meeting but she
10 would like to have the information as soon as possible so that they can get on with it.

11
12 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

13
14 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have a formal report this evening.

15
16 **Public Safety Committee** – Trustee Gibson stated that the Public Safety Committee was
17 scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 12th at 2:00 P.M. The meeting had to be
18 cancelled due to a Police Conference that is being held in the Board Room. The Public
19 Safety Committee Meetings are Open Meetings and anyone that wants to attend the
20 meetings can do so. The meetings cannot be held behind closed doors. The meeting has
21 been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 19th, 2012, at 2:00 P.M. Trustee Gibson
22 stated that the Public Safety Committee has set up regularly scheduled meetings for the
23 second Wednesday of every other month at 2 o'clock P.M. beginning in September.
24 Other meetings may be scheduled as needed.

25
26 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

27
28 **Thank you to the Board** – Administrator Mekarski expressed his thanks to President Pro
29 Tem Ormsby and the Trustees for extending prayers, warm wishes, and thoughts to him
30 and his family. He stated that this has been a rollercoaster. His sister was diagnosed with
31 terminal cancer on August 1st and five-weeks later she passed. He stated that some of the
32 Trustees know what he has been going through the past few weeks, especially Trustee
33 Pennington who he was with at a meeting at the Country Club discussing major insurance
34 contracts when he got the news that his sister was ordered for hospice. He thanked
35 Trustee Pennington for the strength that he gave him that day. He stated that your
36 thoughts and prayers have made all the difference and he thanked the Trustees for them.

37
38 Administrator Mekarski stated that we take life for granted. Last week he was with his
39 sister for the last time and she could barely speak. She might have had one or two words
40 that she could say throughout the day. There was a moment when she was a little bit lucid
41 and she reached her hand out and said, "Live life to the fullest." He believes that is
42 something that we should all think about because we take life for granted, and we get
43 caught up in the rat race, and a lot of times we forget to look at the importance of what
44 life is all about. He stated that they say that the dying sometimes gives a gift to those that
45 are left behind. He believes that was her gift to him, the family, and to all of us.

1 **Resolution #2012-10 – A Resolution to Accept Planning Assistance Services**

2 **Delivered by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning –** Administrator
3 Mekarski stated that through some requests, coordination and competition, the Village
4 was awarded a Technical Assistance Grant. It is a Planning Grant from the Chicago
5 Metropolitan Agency for Planning. It will provide a value added to the organization of
6 anywhere from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00. It is designed to come up with a Scope of
7 Services for updating and enhancing our Zoning Ordinance in a number of areas,
8 strengthening our Planned Unit Development Procedures, and coming up with a
9 Residential Planned Unit Development consistent with what the group did with the
10 Homes for a Changing Region and Dr. Ernie Gibson who served on an EPA Committee
11 of Sustainability. He stated that Dr. Gibson, Lee Langon, Trustee Oliver and Joe Martin
12 participated in a brainstorming session. Helen Burleson started with some other folks
13 from the community when we met at District 227 as to what that area by 203rd Street
14 should look like and how should it evolve. This will give the Village a chance to develop
15 some overlay zones to take those ideas from the various people that were there. It will
16 help the Village craft some holes in the Zoning Ordinance. A lot of the property in purple
17 is zoned Planned Unit Development. There are no District regulations for the PUD. There
18 is other property on the map zoned for Open Space and Park Land. There is no
19 delineation of what is allowable or not allowable in Park Land.

20
21 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Board entertained a Master Plan Concept for a
22 basketball facility at Bicentennial Park. Everybody said that is not the best place for a
23 basketball facility and a recreation garage. The Village had no real legal authority to
24 regulate that, just as the Village had no legal authority to regulate the construction of
25 Tolentine Park and then take into consideration to make sure that there was pedestrian
26 crossing because there was a hole in our Zoning Ordinance. He stated that we can close
27 that gap.

28
29 Administrator Mekarski stated that there are three things that have to be accomplished to
30 achieve this. They will be hiring a professional consultant. They will coordinate the RFP.
31 The Village will have members of the staff and Board Liaisons in helping with the
32 selection of the consultant. He stated that right after we hopefully adopt Resolution
33 #2012-10 and approve the MOU, we will have at least two Trustee Liaisons in Work
34 Sessions during the day to work through a Committee to get this achieved. He stated that
35 you can have backups in case there are work conflicts. He asked the Board to consider
36 the three Motions that are drafted. He stated that for Motion C, although he has indicated
37 designating Trustee Kelvin Oliver, Planning Commission Liaison, the Zoning Ordinance
38 regulates building development. He stated that it would be more proper to have the
39 Liaison in charge of Building and Development which is Trustee Ormsby to be
40 designated first. He stated that any other Trustee that the Board decides would be more
41 than adequate to serve as the second representative. He stated that if there are work
42 conflicts on the day of the Work Session you can have alternates to back you up.

43 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to approve Resolution**
44 **#2012-10 – A Resolution to accept Planning Assistance Services delivered by the**
45 **Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.**

46 **Roll Call:**

Ayes (5-0)

Motion Carried.

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the Village**
2 **President to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CMAP**
3 **and the Village of Olympia Fields for the Local Technical Assistance Program.**

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

5
6 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to designate Trustee Susan**
7 **Ormsby, Building Commissioner Liaison, and a Trustee to be named to serve as**
8 **representative to Project Element Work Scope Committee for the CMAP LTA**
9 **Grant.**

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11 Trustee Gibson stated that it can't be moved until you have another name. Trustee Oliver
12 stated that is where the discussion comes in. Trustee Oliver stated that he is interested in
13 participating. He stated that for at least the next six months or thereabouts he is good to
14 attend the Work Sessions. Trustee Pennington stated that it should be the Planning
15 Commission Liaison.

16
17 Administrator Mekarski stated that most of the time would be taken up in the early part of
18 the Grant. He stated that we want to meet with the CMAP Staff and design a scope that
19 meets the objectives of the Village Board.

20 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to designate Trustee Susan**
21 **Ormsby, Building Commission Liaison and Trustee Kelvin Oliver to serve as**
22 **representatives to Project Element Work Scope Committee for the CMAP LTA**
23 **Grant.**

24 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that the Motion has already been moved and seconded.

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

26
27 Administrator Mekarski stated that he will forward the Resolution and the Memorandum
28 of Understanding to CMAP. They will schedule a Scoping Committee with the Village.
29 The first part will be to have a roll up our sleeves meeting and figure out what would be
30 the most comprehensive to scope. The second part will be advertising for consultants and
31 then being involved with the consultant selection process.

32
33 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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35 There was no report in the absence of Village President Meyers-Martin.

36
37 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

38
39 **Boulevard at 207th Street off of Western** – President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she
40 wanted to discuss the Boulevard at 207th Street off of Western. The issue concerned the
41 common area that is a very expensive proposition for Olympia Fields East to take care of.
42 The cost of that was \$6,000.00. She stated that we decided to split that cost with the
43 Village giving \$3,000.00. The issue is the devastation of that boulevard due to the trees.
44 There are more trees that need to come down.

1 Trustee Waite stated that the \$6,000.00 was for the maintenance and the mowing. It
2 wasn't for taking down or replacing trees.

3
4 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she is getting to all of that. She stated that the trees
5 that are completely dead and need to come down pose a safety issue. She has to look into
6 whether or not the \$3,000.00 has been all used up.

7
8 Trustee Waite stated that is only for mowing the public parkway property in the Olympia
9 Fields East territory.

10
11 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that the Village Arborist is going to look at the trees.
12 She saw seven-trees that looked like they were completely dead. She stated that the
13 Village is taking care of part of 207th Street. She is going to have the Arborist come out
14 and look at the trees there. She is going to speak with Joe Alexa to see what kind of costs
15 the Village is looking at. She stated that some of the residents of Olympia Fields East
16 have complained to her about the trees. She stated that there are tree stumps in that
17 boulevard. The most efficient way is to remove them all at once. Mr. Alexa has been
18 waiting to see how many more trees are going to have to be removed.

19
20 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that the second part of the complaint is there are three,
21 stone planters that were built as a result of the Scully Grant several years ago. The
22 planters were built and they passed the Board's approval with the understanding that they
23 would always stay planted because they are right next to Sergeant Means Park. They
24 reflect our Village. This year they are completely overgrown with weeds. She doesn't
25 know whether or not the Homeowners Association can't get to them.

26
27 Trustee Oliver stated that the planter adjacent to his house he has adopted and he has
28 been taking care of it.

29
30 President Pro Tem Ormsby inquired whether or not they can be adopted. She stated that
31 she doesn't have the money in her Budget to take care of them.

32
33 Trustee Waite stated that he doesn't remember that ever coming up at a Homeowners
34 Association Meeting. President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that you need to take a look.
35 They are all weeds except for the one that Trustee Oliver is taking care of. President Pro
36 Tem Ormsby stated that she was going to invite Trustee Waite to a meeting with Joe
37 Alexa so we can address the cost of this, and we can look at those planters and see what
38 can be done. She stated that in the fall it is soccer season and people come from other
39 Villages. She would like the planters to look nice. She stated that the Scully Grant is not
40 given without people signing off that they will maintain what they receive.

41
42 Trustee Waite inquired when the Grant was given. President Pro Tem Ormsby stated 15,
43 10-years ago. Trustee Waite stated that he has lived in the Village for 27-years. He was
44 trying to think when that could have taken place. Trustee Gibson stated it has been 10-
45 years ago at least.

1 Trustee Waite stated that any Budget that the Olympia Fields East Homeowners
2 Association has where they hired people to do planting, the planting has all been done by
3 volunteer homeowners groups that would go out with shovels, rakes, and hoes and do the
4 planting. The \$6,000.00 is just the cost of the mowing, not the planting, not taking the
5 trees down and not doing anything else. He stated that if the Village is going to pick up
6 half of the \$6,000.00 that has no impact on the planting. He stated that if there are
7 planters that aren't being taken care of then we should go talk to the adjacent
8 homeowners and bring it up at an Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association Meeting
9 to see who should take care of that.

10
11 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that is exactly what she is suggesting. She stated that
12 except for Trustee Oliver's they are not in good shape. She will get together with Trustee
13 Waite to discuss that meeting with him in the next week or so.

14
15 **Tree Program** – Trustee Oliver stated that at the last Board Meeting President Pro Tem
16 Ormsby had stated that only two or three Homeowners Associations had requested trees.
17 He wants to make sure that Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association is one of those
18 Homeowners Associations that is on the list.

19
20 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she doesn't have the list with her. She suggested
21 that Trustee Oliver call Karen at the Village Hall. She stated that Karen has the list. She
22 stated that she is holding off on that. She is extending the date because we can't plant any
23 trees until the middle of October or the end of October.

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25 Trustee Oliver stated that he is going on record that the Olympia Fields East
26 Homeowners Association is asking for some of those trees.

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28 Trustee Waite stated that the Public Works Department has been taking out trees or hiring
29 contractors to take out trees throughout the Village. It is not just 207th Street. President
30 Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she is aware of that.

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32 **Speeding Along 207th Street** – Trustee Oliver stated that there is still a lot of speeding
33 going on along 207th Street. He is aware that the past practice has been for the police to
34 try not to ticket our own residents.

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36 Trustee Waite doesn't believe that they make that separation. He stated that they ticket
37 whoever needs to be ticketed.

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39 Trustee Gibson stated that you are asking for a little more surveillance on 207th. She
40 stated that she will forward that information to the police department.

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42 **Speeding on Country Club Drive and Failure to Stop at the Stop Signs** - Trustee
43 Waite stated that we can also use that on Country Club Drive. There is a 20 mile per hour
44 speed limit and a four-way stop at Oakwood that is routinely run. He stated that it is
45 extraordinary. Trustee Gibson stated that it is probably not the residents of the Village
46 though. Trustee Waite stated that it isn't the residents on Country Club Drive. He stated

1 that he lives on that corner. He is out there with his dogs most of the time and they just
2 whiz right through there like there are no stop signs at all. They don't even touch their
3 brakes. He stated that they are speeding and going at least 40 miles per hour.

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5 Trustee Gibson stated that she will report all of that to the police department.

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7 Trustee Oliver stated that one of his neighbors is suggesting that rather than ticket people,
8 just give more warnings. Trustee Gibson stated that she doesn't believe that the Board
9 can decide what they are going to do. Trustee Oliver stated that he understands. He
10 promised his neighbor that he was going to bring it up. He stated that the idea was if there
11 were more warnings, that as a result of the warnings maybe do some kind of Community
12 Service, or something like that might reduce some of that. Trustee Waite stated that he
13 disagrees. He believes that the people should be ticketed.

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15 **Naturale Hair Salon Update** - Trustee Gibson inquired of President Pro Tem Ormsby
16 whether or not there was any communication with the Bizios Brothers concerning the
17 condition of the restroom in the Naturale Hair Salon that was reported at the last Board
18 Meeting.

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20 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she did not have an answer but she will find out
21 tomorrow and let everyone know. Trustee Gibson stated that she thought the Board had
22 said that it needed someone to go and look at it. President Pro Tem Ormsby stated yes,
23 John McDonnell. She stated that the Village has a Health Inspector and that is who
24 should be looking at it. She stated that she will make sure that is done.

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26 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

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30 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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32 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated that she did not have any Resignations or
33 Appointments this evening.

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35 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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37 **To Discuss Matters of Personnel – Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) –**
38 President Pro Tem Ormsby stated at 8:55 P.M. that we will be going into Closed Session
39 and there will be no action taken.

40 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to go into Closed Session at**
41 **8:55 P.M.**

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

1 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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3 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to go into Open Session at**
4 **9:42 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 Pennington to adjourn at 9:42 P.M.**

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

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12 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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