

1                                   **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**  
2                                   **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
3                                   **Held on September 24, 2012**  
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 24, 2012,  
6 at the Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President  
7 Debra Meyers-Martin at 7:00 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
8 Administrator Mekarski/Village Clerk called the roll.  
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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington, Nale and Waite  
11                                   Village President Debra Meyers-Martin  
12                                   Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David Mekarski  
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14 Absent: None.  
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16 **MINUTES:**  
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18 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Gibson to suspend with the reading of**  
19 **the Minutes of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

20 **Voice Vote:                   All Ayes.                                   Motion Carried.**  
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22 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Minutes of**  
23 **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012, as amended.**

24 **Voice Vote:                   All Ayes.                                   Motion Carried.**  
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26 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**  
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28 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval in the amount of  
29 \$114,079.49. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the  
30 more significant payouts.  
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32 Trustee Oliver stated that under “Clerks” there is a bill for a little over \$1,000.00 for the  
33 “Credit Card Processing Fee.” Trustee Oliver inquired whether or not that suggests that  
34 since the Village is taking payments online, the Village is also required to make a  
35 payment towards Pay Pal or whatever the name of the company is that we use.  
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37 Trustee Pennington stated that there are fees that are charged to the Village for the use of  
38 those cards. Trustee Oliver stated that this would suggest that the residents are really  
39 taking advantage of that. Trustee Pennington stated that would be the case given the size  
40 of the payment.  
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42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that sometimes when those credit card companies  
43 charge that fee a Municipality will pass on that fee to the residents. She stated that we  
44 don’t do that.  
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1 Trustee Ormsby inquired whether or not that is something that we need to look into. She  
2 stated that it is \$1,000.00 halfway through the year.

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4 Trustee Pennington stated that this might be an anomaly. He stated that we have to look  
5 at it. He stated that if we see a trend, and this is the trend that we are seeing, then yes, it is  
6 something that we need to look at.

7 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment**  
8 **of Bills for September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, in the total amount of \$114,079.49.**

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

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11 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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13 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:08 P.M.

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15 There were members of the public that were present, but no one wished to address the  
16 Board. Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:08  
17 P.M.

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19 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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21 **5(A) Recommendation for a Final Waiver of Lien and Invoice #6898-1445 to Gaskill**  
22 **& Walton Construction Company for work completed in connection with the**  
23 **Graymoor Lift Station Improvements Project in the amount of \$16,009.11.**

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25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will now move to our Consent Agenda.  
26 We have one item, which is our recommendation for Final Waiver of Lien for Invoice  
27 #6898-1445.

28 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Pennington to approve item 5(A).**

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

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31 **FINANCE:**

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33 **Quarterly Report – Don Theobald Village Treasurer** – Trustee Pennington stated that  
34 he did not have a formal report this evening. Trustee Pennington asked Mr. Theobald, the  
35 Village Treasurer to come forward and report on the Quarterly Budget Report Summary  
36 for the First Quarter of the 2012-2013 Budget.

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38 Mr. Theobald stated that he handed out the report this evening. The report format has  
39 changed. The report shows the revenues with the expenses below to show a net result for  
40 that period. The first column is the Annual Budget that the Board passed for the General  
41 Fund, the Water Fund, and the Sewer Fund. The second column is the Budget as prorated  
42 by Trustee Pennington in his Budget Preparation Process. That represents the Budget for  
43 the first three-months of the Fiscal Year, the First Quarter. He stated that the third column  
44 is the actual activity. The fourth column is the variance. One of the changes that was  
45 favorable is a positive number no matter if it is an expense or revenue, and unfavorable is  
46 a negative number whether it is an expense or revenue.

1 Mr. Theobald stated that the Village had planned \$122,584.00 for the Fiscal Year. He  
2 stated that by the prorated Budget Plan you would have a positive \$180,847.00 for the  
3 first three-months. The result is the Village has in excess of that in the amount of  
4 \$234,924.00. That is a positive variance in the last column of \$54,077.00. He stated that  
5 there isn't a lot to talk about in the First Quarter. We are just getting going in the Fiscal  
6 Year. He stated that this is a good start. He stated that every effort to Budget the exacting  
7 amounts for the First Quarter compared to the actual results shows a positive result.

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9 Mr. Theobald stated that in the Water Fund the Village has the same format. The Village  
10 had planned to have a \$93,652.00 surplus for the Fiscal Year. In looking at the first three-  
11 months that is producing a \$122,834.00 Budget expectation. In the actual results the  
12 Village only had a result of \$88,133.00 as a positive. He stated that while it is positive, it  
13 is not as the Village expected it would be, and that is by \$34,701.00. He stated that it  
14 seemed like the First Quarter the volume was down, just the actual flow of water. So the  
15 revenues were down as a result and expenses for purchases of the water were also down.  
16 He stated that the net result of \$34,701.00 he would not jump to too many conclusions  
17 just yet. He believes that as the Second Quarter through October falls out we will be able  
18 to make some more definitive statements on that.

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20 Mr. Theobald stated that in the Sewer Fund the Village has the same format. He stated  
21 that \$34,928.00 was expected in the Annual Budget. In looking at the first three-months  
22 we expected a positive \$13,861.00. The actual results were a negative \$137,000.00. That  
23 is a \$151,000.00 variance from expected. Mr. Theobald stated that he spoke with Cindy  
24 Saenz about that. There are a couple items in there that she needs to reclassify. There are  
25 some interest charges as it relates to the projects that we have created some debt and  
26 some debt related payments. Those are going to be allocated amongst the three funds.  
27 They all got charged here. He stated that it is not as severe as this indicates. They did  
28 identify something that didn't get adjusted for this report, but it will be for the Second  
29 Quarter ending in October. Mr. Theobald stated that he had nothing else to submit.

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31 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Theobald whether or not there was a reason why he didn't  
32 total down at the bottom each one of those four columns. He inquired whether or not this  
33 is the whole Budget.

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35 Mr. Theobald stated that it is not. They selected three significant operating funds. There  
36 are at least another six funds that are less significant. There are some Debt Funds and  
37 Capital Funds but those are not day-to-day operations. He thought it was easier to look at  
38 these individually.

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40 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. Theobald whether or not the Village's Water Fund runs  
41 at a deficit all of the time. She stated that it seems like we always have a deficit in our  
42 Water Fund.

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44 Mr. Theobald stated that his perspective on that would be based on the Plan; our best  
45 effort would be that anticipating the annual results would bear themselves out, and then  
46 they should prorate the first, second, third, and fourth quarters to produce that. He tends

1 to agree with Trustee Ormsby that it does tend to show losses. He stated that there are a  
2 few bumps in the First Quarter that he tried to point out and hopefully that can be better  
3 understood in the Second Quarter. Based on this projection that is not the anticipated  
4 result to have a negative loss.

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6 Trustee Ormsby stated that we can revisit that in the next quarter's report. Trustee  
7 Pennington stated that this is the First Quarter, May, June, and July from our Budget. He  
8 inquired of Mr. Theobald whether or not there might be some spill over from the prior  
9 Budget Year that would fall into the First Quarter in some of these projected numbers.  
10 Mr. Theobald stated that is a possibility but he believes that it was probably planned.  
11 Trustee Pennington stated that as we go forward, especially in the Second Quarter, he  
12 recalls that in his Financial Report the Village was running negatives in the Water and the  
13 Sewer Funds. In the last report it showed that the Village was at surplus levels in the  
14 Water and the Sewer Funds. He stated that as we go forward we will see a change in the  
15 prorated numbers and in the final numbers as a whole.

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17 Trustee Waite inquired what, if any affect does the Country Club have on these numbers.  
18 He stated that this past spring the Country Club was hooked up and the water meter was  
19 running. He stated that there should have been some usage in the May, June and July  
20 period. He thought that the Village would have been running ahead of Plan. We planned  
21 for twelve million gallons. He doesn't know how much water the Country Club is using.

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23 Mr. Theobald stated that the Budget numbers would have accounted for an amount that  
24 would be expected to be the Country Club. Trustee Waite suggested going back and  
25 looking to see if they are using what we expected them to use. He stated that our  
26 investment was based on the fact that they were going to use a whole bunch of water and  
27 maybe they are not using it.

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29 Administrator Mekarski stated that is a valid consideration because we set up our Bond  
30 structure to repay the Village's portion of the water line with water sales. The Country  
31 Club paid their half. The Village's half is being paid with revenues from the water sales  
32 to the Country Club. It is designed not to burden the taxpayers or the residential rate  
33 payers. Trustee Waite stated that we ought to know what that is. Administrator Mekarski  
34 stated that it would be worthwhile. He stated that since we are going through the whole  
35 Bond process it would be good to look at a quarterly check on that for two-years maybe.  
36 He stated that this year could be an anomaly. Trustee Ormsby stated that this year there  
37 was a drought. Administrator Mekarski stated that the Country Club is using the old  
38 water tower for irrigation and adding it to their existing wells.

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40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is definitely a valid point and we should get  
41 those numbers. Mr. Theobald stated that we certainly will. Trustee Waite stated that he  
42 likes this report. Trustee Pennington stated to Mr. Theobald that it was a good report.

1 **BUILDING:**

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3 **Emerald Ash Borer Trees Update** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she is reporting on the  
4 Emerald Ash Borer again. She provided the Board with a report from Joe Alexa. Trustee  
5 Ormsby stated that we talked about this at the last meeting with respect to the trees that  
6 were left in the boulevard at 207<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Alexa refers to it as the “West Island.”  
7 Trustee Ormsby was going to call the Arborist to take a look at those. Those trees were  
8 considered to be the most dangerous trees that we have in the Village. The way that the  
9 Arborist looks at the Ash Trees is that they are either completely dead or there is some  
10 green left on them. She stated that there is an Oak Tree and an Ash Tree that are equally  
11 dead. The Ash Tree needs to come down because they are more brittle. The limbs will  
12 just fall off of them. That was the case on 207<sup>th</sup> and all of those trees have now been  
13 removed. They were considered the most dangerous because of their position to the  
14 roads and to the park. The stumps will all be removed at one time. That is also a cost  
15 savings method.

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17 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Waite whether or not he had any more information  
18 on the planters and who is taking care of them, or if they will be planted. She stated that  
19 was a concern. Trustee Waite stated that it is the responsibility of the Olympia Fields East  
20 Homeowners Association and they are in the process of getting them taken care of.  
21 Trustee Ormsby stated great.

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23 Trustee Ormsby stated that as it stands right now the Village is a little bit over \$32,000.00  
24 in Ash Tree removal. She stated that we are really at the end of our Budget. She stated  
25 that she has a little bit of money in her Beautification Committee Budget. There is a little  
26 bit of money in John McDonnell’s Budget. There are a few trees that are going to have to  
27 come down. She stated that if you look at the last page of Mr. Alexa’s report we are not  
28 out of the woods. There are 79 dying or dead Ash Trees in the Village’s right-of-way.  
29 There are 47-trees other than Ash Trees that are dead or dying in the right-of-way. There  
30 are a total of 126 dead or dying trees in the Village’s right-of-way. She stated that it is  
31 going to take another chunk of our Budget and we are going to have to Budget for this  
32 again next year.

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34 Administrator Mekarski stated that Mr. McDonnell, the Building Commissioner,  
35 emphasized to him, and it is mentioned in Trustee Ormsby’s report that Ash is a very  
36 dense wood. He stated that when Ash Trees die, the large limbs can fall off within  
37 months, but within a year you can have major limbs coming down. He stated that when  
38 they come down they are so brittle that they literally explode on the ground. He suggested  
39 that perhaps the Finance Committee should work with Don Theobald on this because the  
40 risk liability exposure to the Village for major limbs coming down in our public right-of-  
41 way on property, homes, cars, or pedestrians is insurmountable in relationship to any kind  
42 of savings if you sort of penny-pinch this request. He stated that if the Arborist is saying  
43 that this is in imminent danger of causing property damage, or death, or injury, he would  
44 move to the rainy day fund and eradicate that risk as expeditiously as possible. He is  
45 aware that in a period of austerity that is something that the Board doesn’t want to hear.  
46 He suggested that before any final decisions are made that the Finance Committee

1 Chairman, Trustee Pennington, and Don Theobald meet with Trustee Ormsby and Mr.  
2 McDonnell the Building Commissioner, and the Village's Arborist, and perhaps speak  
3 with the Village's IRMA Representative. He stated that this issue is being faced by  
4 IRMA across the State and across the region. He stated then come back in two-weeks and  
5 try to make the proper decision.  
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7 Trustee Ormsby stated that according to the Arborist, if a tree has some green on it, but it  
8 is clearly dying, the tree is not being taken down. She stated that if it has some dangerous  
9 looking branches, she will take those down but she is not removing the tree. Once the tree  
10 is completely dead it almost has to come down because then it is a danger. She stated that  
11 this is updated all the time by Mr. Alexa. She believes that out of the 79-trees and the 126  
12 trees, there are 30 critical trees at this point. She will go out and look at those next week  
13 with Mr. Alexa. She stated that the Arborist isn't needed at this point.  
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15 Trustee Ormsby stated that Hazel Crest is the epicenter of studying these trees. They are  
16 trying different formulas to treat them and trying to be successful. Trustee Ormsby stated  
17 that the Village feels that they are nowhere near getting the problem resolved. She stated  
18 that if homeowners have Ash Trees on their property and they want to try some means of  
19 trying to save them they can certainly try that. She believes that it is not a good use of the  
20 Village's money to do that. And she is not going to recommend that. The number of the  
21 trees in the report does not include the trees that are on the property of any residents. She  
22 stated that number will probably triple. She stated that when a tree is in any form of  
23 dying, the Code Enforcement Officer has to notify the resident that the tree is dying and  
24 that it will not come back. She stated that if the tree is dead, they have to be informed that  
25 the tree needs to come down. She stated that if the tree is deemed a nuisance tree where it  
26 will fall and cause harm, then they will get a ticket. She stated that it is a very bad  
27 situation.  
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29 Trustee Ormsby stated that Homewood has done this same process. She stated that if the  
30 homeowner states that they can't afford to take the tree down, then the Village of  
31 Homewood will take it down but they lien the house. She stated that we will look at this  
32 again next year because the devastation continues to grow. She stated that we get calls  
33 that the neighbor has a dead tree and the Village needs to take it down. She would like to  
34 ask IRMA about that. She stated that it is not a good situation we are in right now.  
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36 Trustee Waite stated that he has a similar situation with a neighbor who has an Ash Tree  
37 that is in the process of dying. All of the branches hang over the neighbor's house, but the  
38 tree is on the property line. He stated that he had an Oak Tree that was about 250 years  
39 old. Very early one morning his dog woke him up to go outside. He heard a crack and the  
40 top two-thirds of the tree broke off and fell over the electric wires. He stated that  
41 12-hours later everything was cleaned up and they had power again. ComEd left the tree  
42 on the ground once they got it out of the wires. He had to hire someone to cut it up, split  
43 it and stack it. He had another Oak Tree that was dying and he had to have it removed.  
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1 Trustee Waite stated that he has a couple of Ash Trees on his property. He had them  
2 inoculated. No one knows how long the inoculation will last. It cost \$75.00 for each tree.  
3 He stated that right now they are robust.

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5 Trustee Ormsby stated that there is a different species of Ash Tree that is not as  
6 susceptible to the Borer. They seem to be doing better.

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8 Trustee Waite stated that he has done some research through the University of Illinois  
9 and there is a Borer going after the Oak Trees now. It is called "Two-Line Borer." He  
10 stated that they say that will be as bad as the Ash Tree problem.

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12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she knows that Trustee Ormsby has been  
13 going out with the Arborist looking at the trees. She stated that there seems to be a little  
14 differing of opinions between Mr. McDonnell, the Arborist, and maybe Joe Alexa. She  
15 inquired whether or not those three people have spoken with each other.

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17 Trustee Ormsby stated that they have talked to each other. Trustee Ormsby stated that she  
18 has spoken with Dawayne, the Village's Landscaper at DJ's Landscaping. He believes  
19 that the treatment is beneficial to the species of Ash Tree that is more robust. Those trees  
20 right now are healthy.

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin believes that Trustee Ormsby should meet with the  
23 Arborist, Joe Alexa, and Mr. McDonnell to get a better sense of the trees in terms of how  
24 risky they are, and which ones are hardy and which ones are not.

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26 Trustee Ormsby stated that she knows what trees need to come down. She doesn't know  
27 if it is worth treating them. That is where the big difference of opinion is.

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Ormsby who would know that.  
30 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Village's Arborist sits on that Board in Hazel Crest and is  
31 part of that research group. She will call the Arborist and see if he wants to bring an  
32 expert to the Village to speak with her, Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Alexa. She believes that  
33 the Arborist is on the fence in terms of the treatment. He isn't 100% sure that it works or  
34 that it doesn't work.

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36 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that at some point you have to come to a  
37 consensus so that you can get to the bottom of a strategy. Trustee Ormsby stated right.

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39 Trustee Waite stated that he consulted with an Arborist and the Arborist told him you can  
40 spend \$1,000.00 to have it taken down or you can spend \$75.00 and have it inoculated. If  
41 it doesn't work then you have to spend \$1,000.00 to take it down. He spent \$75.00 for  
42 each tree to be inoculated. He has two Ash Trees. So far they are robust.

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44 Trustee Ormsby stated that she will setup a meeting with all of them and then get back to  
45 the Board. Village President Meyers-Martin stated to elicit the opinion of the person that

1 Trustee Waite referred to in terms of the \$75.00 versus the \$1,000.00 and bring that into  
2 the discussion in the meeting that Trustee Ormsby has.

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4 Trustee Oliver stated that he was stopped by several of his neighbors this week along  
5 207<sup>th</sup> Street who wished to thank the Board for the work that they have done along 207<sup>th</sup>.  
6 He stated that taking down those trees were greatly appreciated. The neighbors are very  
7 hopeful that those trees will be replaced by some saplings. They look forward to  
8 watching something new grow there.

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10 Trustee Oliver stated that he read an article over the weekend in the Southtown Star. It  
11 stated that in Tinley Park they had 407-trees that they had to take down at a cost of  
12 almost \$106,000.00. He stated that seemed to be pretty high for that amount of work. He  
13 stated that Trustee Ormsby did say that it is an expensive proposition to take all of these  
14 trees down. He stated that it is almost \$275.00 a tree. Trustee Waite stated that is cheap.  
15 Trustee Oliver stated that they have someone there that is studying some treatment for the  
16 trees.

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18 Trustee Ormsby stated that individual is probably part of that group. She stated that a few  
19 years ago Winnetka and Wilmette took all of the trees down immediately. They found the  
20 Borer and they took them down. She wanted to point out that in the Village's Ordinance a  
21 developer can't just plant one species of tree. We demand a variety. She stated that what  
22 has happened in newer communities that are 10, 15, 20-years old, they only planted Ash  
23 Trees so they have lost every tree in their development. Trustee Ormsby stated that we  
24 have an overwhelming amount of trees in the Village. She stated that in some of the areas  
25 where the Ash Trees are coming down is actually very good forestry. She stated that we  
26 are very crowded in many, many spots. She stated that as sad and expensive as it is, in  
27 some of these areas it is long overdue in the Village because we just planted trees like  
28 crazy because we love them. She stated that has encroached on other trees.

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30 Trustee Ormsby stated that she will get this group together. She will see if she can get a  
31 representative from the group that is studying the trees to come to the meeting. She stated  
32 that many suburbs are budgeting \$150,000.00, \$250,000.00 to take care of this. She  
33 stated that the Village has been so lucky because Mr. Alexa and Public Works has taken a  
34 lot of the trees down. She stated that almost every tree that came down on 207<sup>th</sup> was  
35 taken down by Mr. Alexa and Public Works. She stated that if they are too big then the  
36 Village has to call a Tree Service. The Village gets bids from a Tree Service to keep it  
37 competitive.

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39 Trustee Waite stated that Ash Trees and Elm Trees grow faster. He stated that nobody  
40 wants to wait for an Oak Tree to get big enough to provide any kind of shade or beauty.  
41 Oak Trees don't produce any acorns until they are 50-years old. Trustee Gibson stated  
42 that the developers know that they are cheap trees.

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44 Trustee Ormsby stated that as a Tree City which the Village is, the wisdom is that you  
45 have to plant these Oak Trees. There are about 20 different species of these Oak Trees

1 now. There are some that are faster growing. You have to plant the slower grower  
2 because they are less susceptible to the Borer.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she will be interested to hear what that  
5 Committee concludes as a result of their deliberation.

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7 Trustee Oliver stated that we have had a lot of discussion at the last couple of Board  
8 Meetings about the trees and the devastation. He inquired whether or not there was some  
9 thought about putting an article in the next quarterly newsletter.

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11 Trustee Ormsby stated that Trustee Oliver has a point. She stated that if the Ash Trees  
12 come down they can be mulched, but the mulch has to be inch by inch. She stated that  
13 some mulchers give you a great big chunk of mulch but that is not allowed with the Ash  
14 Trees. There is a procedure that you follow. She stated that if you are going to mulch an  
15 Ash Tree and you want to reuse the mulch, it has to be inch by inch. Trustee Ormsby  
16 stated that she will bring the Board a lot more information at the next Board Meeting.

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18 **PLANNING:**

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20 **College and Career Readiness Conference Update** – Village President Meyers-Martin  
21 stated that she understands that Trustee Oliver will be reporting on something in-depth at  
22 the second meeting in October. Trustee Oliver stated yes.

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24 Trustee Oliver stated that he wanted to give a brief update on the College and Career  
25 Readiness Conference. The Educational Commission is moving towards the confirmation  
26 of the December 8<sup>th</sup> date by way of a letter that went out to the Superintendents. The  
27 Commission needed assurance from the Superintendents that there is nothing else  
28 happening on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The Educational Commission is asking for three things from  
29 the Superintendents: 1. Seeking their counsel; 2. Relying on their continued support; and  
30 3. The Commission will be in contact with them as a follow-up regarding how they could  
31 be of some assistance. The Commission is trying to get 300-people to attend the  
32 conference.

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34 Trustee Oliver stated that the Educational Commission is meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. He  
35 stated that included in the Board Packet is a Marketing and Public Relations Strategy that  
36 gives dates. The Commission will iron out the particulars in delegating who will be  
37 responsible for certain things. He stated that we are off to a really, really good start.

38  
39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she met with Superintendent Leak on  
40 Saturday as part of an Elected Official Advisory Board that District 227 has. State  
41 Representative Anthony DeLuca was there. Mayor Ostenburg from Park Forest was  
42 there. She stated that Chicago Heights was represented.

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Superintendent Leak spoke about legislation  
45 that is being worked on in Springfield as it relates to how funding is distributed between  
46 Charter Schools and the rest of the schools. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of

1 Trustee Oliver whether or not the Educational Commission has any input in that, or if  
2 they are working on that. She inquired of Trustee Oliver whether or not the Educational  
3 Commission was researching that in order to discern the viability of that Bill, and the  
4 productivity of it.

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6 Trustee Oliver stated that he read with great interest the story. He isn't certain that the  
7 Commission as a whole has had much discussion. He stated that we will put that on the  
8 Agenda to find out.

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10 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she thought that would be wise. She stated  
11 that they are fighting hard for that. And it potentially could affect what is going on here in  
12 the southland. She stated that I think we want to know what is going on in Springfield.  
13 Trustee Oliver stated that he will do that.

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15 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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17 **Metra Snow Removal Bid Recommendation** – Trustee Waite stated that he has one  
18 item regarding the Metra Snow Removal at 203<sup>rd</sup> Street and the Bike Path for 2012-2013.  
19 He stated that we have gone through the Bids which range from \$29,000.00 to  
20 \$14,000.00. The lowest bidder was Property Care Management. The Village has done  
21 business with them before. Trustee Waite stated that the recommendation is that we give  
22 them the Bid for \$14,000.00.

23 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to accept the Bid Award**  
24 **Recommendation as prepared by Joe Alexa, Public Works Director for the 203<sup>rd</sup>**  
25 **Street Metra Parking Lot and the 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Bike Path for Calendar Year**  
26 **2012/2013 to Property Care Management in the amount of \$14,000.00, which**  
27 **represents the lowest and best Bid, meeting all specifications as required under this**  
28 **project.**

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30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that they are the maintenance company who takes  
31 care of the summertime maintenance of the Metra Lot as well.

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

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34 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

35  
36 Trustee Nale stated that she doesn't have a formal report this evening. She would like to  
37 report on two items.

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39 **Healthcare Seminar** – Trustee Nale stated that earlier this month she attended a Seminar  
40 regarding Healthcare given by the Horton Group. They covered three subjects: 1.They  
41 discussed the reasons for the rising cost in healthcare; 2.What we can do about it; and 3.  
42 The types of insurance that is out there for small corporations to investigate.

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44 Trustee Nale stated that there are multiple reasons for the increase in the cost of  
45 healthcare. It has to do with the age in population, the increase in specialization, and  
46 using robots in the operating room. She stated that all of our health costs will be going

1 up. One of the sessions was what we can do about it. She stated that the primary thing  
2 that they seem to elaborate on was a Wellness Program. If there are more Wellness  
3 Programs people would take more interest in preventing illnesses rather than trying to  
4 cure them. Minor illnesses would be dealt with through general information rather than  
5 through the doctor's office. Trustee Nale stated that what she found to be most interesting  
6 was the types of insurance that are going to be out there that employees can take  
7 advantage of. She stated that all insurance will be going up. She stated that it is just how  
8 we handle those insurances and how we instruct our employees to relate to the insurances  
9 as they are made available.

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11 Trustee Nale stated that there were three presenters and the Seminar lasted about three-  
12 hours. She is clearer on the different types of insurance that they have. She felt it was  
13 worthwhile and it was very interesting.

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15 **Park Forest Library** - Trustee Nale stated that she was privileged to have Barbara  
16 Osuch, who is the Director of the Park Forest/Olympia Fields Library give her a private  
17 tour of their new Kids' Zone. She stated that it was very, very impressive. She stated that  
18 when you enter the main lobby, to your left was an area that contained all of the Fiction  
19 Books. There were stacks of books and racks over six-feet tall. They have all been taken  
20 down. The Kids' Zone is located in that area now. The colors and motifs are spectacular  
21 for kids ranging from one to 13. The book racks are adjusted at a certain height. The title  
22 of the book is facing the child rather than the binder of the book. It is very colorful, very  
23 elaborate, and very well-thought out. There are about 10-computers set up at a station to  
24 accommodate the children. They have a staging area where they can perform plays. They  
25 completely revamped the entire area. Trustee Nale suggested that everyone should go to  
26 the library this Saturday to see what they have done.

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28 Trustee Nale stated that the library is talking about planning a Teenage Center. Much  
29 thought and a lot of work has been given to the new area. The results are just superb.  
30 Trustee Nale thanked Barbara Osuch for giving her a personal tour.

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32 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that when Trustee Nale was first appointed as the  
33 Liaison to the Library Board, she thought it would be a great opportunity for the Village  
34 to have a more hands-on relationship with the library. Village President Meyers-Martin  
35 stated that it is her opinion that not as many people in Olympia Fields take advantage of  
36 the library that should. She inquired of Trustee Nale whether or not the library has  
37 considered reaching out to the Park District because that is where all the kids are. She  
38 inquired whether or not they have come out to the Park District to talk to the kids about  
39 the Kids' Zone, and about what changes they have made and what programs they have.  
40 She thought that maybe the Pumpkin Festival would be the perfect opportunity to have a  
41 booth or a table to get some of that information out to the parents. She stated that more  
42 than ever you have to be creative and you have to think outside the box. You have to  
43 create opportunities to get the word out because we don't have money for PR Firms and  
44 marketing people. She believes that fostering these relationships and creating these bonds  
45 is paramount to getting the word out and having more participation.

1 Trustee Nale doesn't know if the library has done that. She will recommend it and she  
2 will find out more about it. Trustee Nale stated that it certainly is worth any effort that  
3 she would pursue to encourage that. She stated that it is a wonderful opportunity for all of  
4 the people in the community whether you have grandchildren, children, or to just go and  
5 see it. She stated that they have somebody on the staff that can see every aspect of the  
6 Kids' Zone areas from their desk.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated to let us know. Trustee Nale stated that she  
9 certainly will.

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11 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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13 **Distribution of Draft Police Policy Manual – Standard Operating Procedures -**

14 Trustee Gibson stated that in the Board Packet is a draft of the Police Policy Manual.  
15 This is the Rules and Regulations of the Police Department, which in Trustee Gibson's  
16 opinion are long overdue. She stated that we have not had an up-to-date process for a  
17 long time and finally we have a draft policy.

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19 Trustee Gibson stated that this will replace the existing Police Department Manual with a  
20 lot of updated standards as recommended by IRMA. She stated that IRMA has given us a  
21 lot of help with this. The document was produced by Lexipol which is a Professional  
22 Consultant retained by IRMA through a Grant extended to the Police Department. The  
23 whole packet in paper form would be over 400-pages. In the Board Packet is a CD for  
24 each Trustee containing the detailed policies for each section delineated in the Table of  
25 Contents. She stated that if you read through the Table of Contents you will understand  
26 how very, very important every aspect of these Rules and Regulations are.

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28 Trustee Gibson stated that the document has been forwarded to our Legal Advisor to  
29 determine whether or not Chapter 2 and Chapter 10 are in conflict with the Village's  
30 Code of Ordinances and the General Policies and Procedures contained in the Village's  
31 Employee Handbook. Trustee Gibson stated that in order to implement these policies, the  
32 Board is required to adopt a formal Resolution approving the document. That will not  
33 occur tonight. The new document is very comprehensive and very detailed. It has a lot to  
34 do with the Best Practices for Police Conduct. It takes into consideration Risk  
35 Management and Objectives to Minimize Legal Exposure and Liability. For that reason,  
36 it is suggested that the Board take adequate time to review the proposed policy changes.

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38 Trustee Gibson is recommending that to facilitate the Board's review of this document,  
39 that a representative from IRMA and Lexipol attend a Workshop with the Board and the  
40 Public Safety Committee to highlight some of the salient areas that are important for the  
41 Village, in order for the Village to have up-to-date Rules and Regulations. She stated that  
42 we will continue to update it as we see fit. Trustee Gibson believes that will be wise for  
43 all of us to ensure that the Village's liability and fiduciary interests are protected.

44  
45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she spoke with Commander Frey today. She  
46 believes that it is a great idea to have the Workshop. Commander Frey indicated to

1 Village President Meyers-Martin that it may not be possible to have a representative from  
2 Lexipol at the Workshop because their main office is in California. She stated that having  
3 a representative from IRMA and Commander Frey, and Acting Chief Kickert at the  
4 Workshop to answer any questions that the Board might have is an excellent idea. She  
5 encouraged the Board to look at the CD so that they can formulate any questions that they  
6 might have for the Workshop. She stated that most of the content of the manual are  
7 boilerplate standard Police Operating Procedures. She stated that there are issues related  
8 to specifics like Item 10, Paragraph 10 that you may want to have more input or some  
9 clarification on.

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11 **Public Safety Committee Meeting** – Trustee Gibson stated that the Public Safety  
12 Committee met on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kennedy who is conducting the  
13 Police Chief Search was in the area and he was very gracious in coming to the Public  
14 Safety Committee Meeting. He spoke briefly with the Committee. She stated that the  
15 members of the Committee were feeling that they had been left out of some things for  
16 several months. We are trying to make certain that they don't have that opinion about it.  
17 Mr. Kennedy discussed the process up to where we are at the present time. Trustee  
18 Gibson stated that in a Closed Session we gave them information that the Board had  
19 gotten in a Closed Session. Trustee Gibson got all of the information back from the  
20 Committee. The Public Safety Committee members were given a CD of the Rules and  
21 Regulations as well so if they have any questions and would like to participate in the  
22 Workshop with the Board, the Board would gladly accept their interest. Village President  
23 Meyers-Martin stated absolutely.

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25 **Customs Program Update** – Trustee Gibson stated that in the past two-weeks, the  
26 Village has been involved in two very, very lucrative seizures. One occurred on Interstate  
27 57. The Village's Customs Officer was warned that there would be a very large bus load  
28 of stolen drug money going through the area to Mexico. The officer was home  
29 babysitting and could not come out. Several of the Village's police officers were  
30 stationed out on I-57 and they did, in fact, seize about \$450,000.00 in that seizure.

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32 Trustee Gibson stated that there was another one within the Village recently. She tried to  
33 contact Acting Chief Kickert about it before he left for the day but she was unable to. She  
34 stated that seizure was over \$100,000.00.

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36 Trustee Waite stated that he looked at the CD. It is far superior than dragging around  
37 450-pages. Trustee Gibson stated that she has been asking for that before she became the  
38 Liaison to the Police Department. Trustee Gibson is happy that it is completed as a draft  
39 and the Board can work on it.

#### 40 41 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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43 **Resolution #2012-11 – Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures** –  
44 Administrator Mekarski stated that the first item is Resolution #2012-11. It's a  
45 Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for a Capital Improvement

1 Bond Program for 2012-2013. He stated that we are in the formative stages right now  
2 with our Administrative Team, our Bond Counsel, our Financial Advisor, and the Village  
3 Treasurer to develop a comprehensive General Obligation Bond Program which would  
4 include some of the elements we talked about in our budgetary process six-months ago.  
5 He stated that we hope to get some preliminary numbers sometime in the late fall for a  
6 120-day Referendum Process which would probably commence in the winter and  
7 conclude in the late winter for a spring sale.

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9 Administrator Mekarski stated that we are looking at three, but also the possibility of a  
10 fourth component. He stated that 50% of the roads in our Village which were not subject  
11 to the first Road Bond initiative, which is approximately 40% of the roads which were  
12 not completed are in need of repair. He stated that 100% of that Road Program would  
13 cost \$3,000,000.00. He is not talking about 100% of the remaining roads, but a Phase I  
14 Project representing \$1,500,000.00. The Village anticipates that will be financed with  
15 encumbering about \$100,000.00 of our Motor Fuel Tax Dollars for a 15 to 20-year  
16 period. Mr. Theobald is currently evaluating that. It is the Village's hope that in two to  
17 three-years it can take on the Second Phase of the Road Program. That would hopefully  
18 come from renewed Sales Tax. The Village is working very aggressively on major  
19 Economic Development initiatives that should restore the Village's economic viability.

20  
21 Administrator Mekarski stated that the second component is a project that we started in  
22 the 2010-2011 cycle. That is the Graymoor Sewer Lateral Project System. He stated that  
23 MWRD provided a reduced pump capacity at Graymoor when the new Lift Station was  
24 installed. He stated that area had been an area where surcharging was being experienced  
25 due to rainfall getting into the Sanitary Sewer Systems. The Graymoor Sanitary Sewer  
26 System is largely consistent of petrified clay that gets soft over the years and allows roots  
27 and root hairs to breakdown that pipe. He stated that if the rainwater is not removed, two  
28 things happen: 1. The Sanitary Sewer System starts backing up. That can back up not  
29 only into the street, but into individual's homes. 2. We would experience surcharging  
30 where we would have illegal bypasses to streams and creeks and road areas which would  
31 put the Village in violation with the IEPA and the EPA. All the sewer lines in Graymoor  
32 have been lined. What are remaining are the laterals.

33  
34 Administrator Mekarski stated that in Phase I of the project we have been undertaking  
35 cleaning and televising the laterals, and also clean outs in the public right-of-way.  
36 Insituform would line the broken laterals and the estimated cost is 1.5 Million Dollars.  
37 The Village would have to fold in the \$500,000.00 which we passed the reimbursement  
38 Resolution for in 2010. He stated that is a \$2,000,000.00 Project.

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40 Administrator Mekarski stated that the next project is the Graymoor Pond Project. That is  
41 estimated at 1.5 Million Dollars. The actual cost of construction is somewhere between  
42 \$800,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00. The Village is anticipating that to be a Drainage Project  
43 in which 50% would be paid by the Village's Drainage Fee. The Village Treasurer is  
44 working on that with the Administration. The other 50% would be paid through a  
45 neighborhood SSA (Special Service Area) with the 144-homes that are impacted by that  
46 Drainage System. These are all preliminary numbers.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that there is a detailed sheet from Robinson Engineering in  
2 the Board Packet that takes some of the rough numbers that total \$7,000,000.00 and they  
3 delineate the cost of engineering and contingency and actual construction costs for each  
4 of the projects. He stated that 4(A) and 4(B) is a project that could range from  
5 \$1,400,000.00 to as much as \$7,000,000.00. That is providing for an emergency or  
6 redundant emergency water supply.

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8 Administrator Mekarski stated that residents may not realize that we are at the end of the  
9 Water Line System with Oak Lawn. He stated that if the Oak Lawn 24-inch line going  
10 down Cicero Avenue has a catastrophic failure, within one and a half to three-days the  
11 Village would be totally out of water. There would be no water for drinking. There would  
12 be no water for the Sanitary Sewer System and there would be no water for fighting fires.  
13 He stated that it could be a catastrophe. It almost happened this winter. He stated that a  
14 line was broken on the Cicero line. This was at a creek crossing. Fortunately, it was right  
15 at the bank of the creek and they were able to fix it within three-days. If it had been  
16 broken 50-feet underneath the creek, it would be out for a week or two-weeks. They  
17 would have to build a coffer dam and excavate below the creek bed and install a new  
18 pipe. It would have been a mess to undertake in the middle of the winter in a wooded  
19 area. Oak Lawn has proposed a redundant Water Supply System. The minimum cost of  
20 that is \$6,000,000.00 maybe up to \$15,000,000.00. The Village has not received the final  
21 numbers from Oak Lawn. The Village can't do the Cost Benefit Analysis until it receives  
22 those numbers. The Village could stay with the Village of Oak Lawn until 2024. It can  
23 explore an alternate water supply. He stated that it appears that a dry connection to  
24 Chicago Heights tying into a 16-inch line to Hammond's Water Supply is the cheapest  
25 alternative. The 1.4 Million Dollar alternative involves participation of Matteson. Their  
26 savings are significantly more compared to the Oak Lawn option. There is a lot of work  
27 that needs to be done on this. The Board will probably have to have a Saturday Work  
28 Session to refine the numbers. He stated that we threw it into the reimbursement  
29 Resolution so we can give the Cost Benefit Analysis. The reimbursement Resolution  
30 allows the Board to undertake some preliminary engineering, some preliminary financial  
31 analytical work with Don Theobald, and some analytical work with Spear Financial.  
32 Those costs would be reimbursed through the eventual sale of the Bond. Just like the  
33 \$500,000.00 the Village spent in 2010 would be rolled into the spring Bond.

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35 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Graymoor Pond Project has been an item  
36 of discussion. It was always presented to the Board in a fashion that seemed as though it  
37 was cost prohibitive. She stated that this is exciting in the sense that it is a more doable,  
38 and a more economic way of approaching the ponds. She stated that Mr. Prekwas from  
39 Robinson Engineering was previously here and he provided the Board with a new  
40 strategy. She stated that the numbers are preliminary. The proposal is preliminary. She  
41 believes that it is a much more viable way to approach the ponds.

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43 Trustee Waite stated that he likes the approach. He believes that it would be wonderful if  
44 there was an alternative to what the Village is doing now.

1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Special Service Areas have been used quite  
2 successfully in the past. She stated hopefully this would be a strategy that we could get  
3 the residents of Graymoor behind.

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5 Administrator Mekarski wanted to emphasize for the audience that this is nothing new. It  
6 has been in the works for multiple years. Administrator Mekarski, the Village President,  
7 Trustee Pennington as Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Trustee Waite as the  
8 Liaison to Public Works have had numerous preliminary meetings. Mr. Theobald has  
9 folded this into the 2030 Plan. Administrator Mekarski stated that they have looked at  
10 how this will affect water rates, and sewer rates, our disposable revenues, and they  
11 compared them with some preliminary Cost Benefit Analysis of leaving the Oak Lawn  
12 System. This will allow them to do the next stage, to get the Village ready to possibly  
13 then have a decision of the Board to go forward with the Bond Sale. Monies for this  
14 activity have to come out of the Unencumbered Fund Balance. This would be a  
15 segregated Project Fund which Cindy Saenz would set up. It would be reimbursed and  
16 folded in with the spring Bond Sale.

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18 Trustee Ormsby stated we have no idea what that cost would be. Administrator Mekarski  
19 stated no. He stated that we would have to keep the Board posted as we go through the  
20 process. Trustee Ormsby inquired what the Resolution is for.

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Resolution is just stating that if we go  
23 ahead with any elements of this project that the Village would be reimbursed through the  
24 Bond.

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26 Administrator Mekarski stated “Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village declares  
27 its official intent to design and construct the Project with proceeds of debt incurred by the  
28 Village in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000...” He stated that is just a hypothetical  
29 amount. That sort of makes a maximum scenario amount, “for the purpose of paying or  
30 reimbursing costs of the Project. That the Village reasonably expects to reimburse itself  
31 from proceeds of obligations issued by the Village for costs of the Project paid prior to  
32 the issuance of the obligations. WHEREAS, the Village reasonably expects to incur and  
33 pay costs of engineering and design work and investigative costs for the Project prior to  
34 the issuance of debt and expects the debt to be issued by the Village ...” And then it talks  
35 about the overall Bond amount.

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37 Trustee Ormsby stated that is the expense we don’t know. Administrator Mekarski stated  
38 yes. He stated that you don’t know what the preliminary engineering cost is and what the  
39 financial analytical costs are. He stated that you have some preliminary engineering that  
40 is being delineated in these various phases. He stated that would be at a point when we  
41 would be pushing towards design. The initial work we are talking about right now is  
42 working with Don Theobald and the engineer and refining the numbers, defining the  
43 scope of the project, looking to see how that debt would be repaid in various fees.

1 Trustee Waite stated that the project cost could be as much as \$7,000,000.00.  
2 Administrator Mekarski stated right. Trustee Waite stated that we have to spend some  
3 preliminary money to determine whether or not that is the direction to go.  
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5 Trustee Ormsby stated that she understands that. She inquired whether or not we have a  
6 ballpark figure of what we are talking about here. Administrator Mekarski stated not at  
7 this juncture. He will keep the Village President and Trustee Pennington as the Finance  
8 Committee Chairman aware of those expenditures. Trustee Pennington can report on  
9 them in his Financial Report on a regular basis. Cindy Saenz is setting up a separate  
10 Project Fund. Any initial preliminary costs, like for some of the modifications we are  
11 doing to the 2030 Plan to detail this out, and maybe some Ordinance development with  
12 Judy Kolman will be posted to that account.  
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14 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not he would be coming  
15 back to the Board as the project progresses. Administrator Mekarski stated absolutely. He  
16 stated that this is the very first phase and there will literally be like 100-steps. Trustee  
17 Waite stated that we are not approving \$7,000,000.00. Administrator Mekarski stated no,  
18 not at all. Trustee Waite stated that you are making us aware that this project is a  
19 \$7,000,000.00 project should it all go forward and get approved by the Board. Trustee  
20 Ormsby stated and that we are going to incur some costs in engineering.  
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22 Administrator Mekarski stated that these are not willy-nilly projects. He stated that if you  
23 don't invest in your roads, you will pay double because the roads are going to  
24 breakdown. If you don't invest in your Sanitary Sewer System, the Village will get  
25 violations from the IEPA and the EPA, and you are going to get sanitary sewer in  
26 somebody's basement and the Village will face major lawsuits. Trustee Pennington stated  
27 that we have already experienced that. Administrator Mekarski stated that is correct. He  
28 stated that if we do not do something with the Water System there will be, not if, but  
29 there will be a catastrophic failure that would be insurmountable in terms of the cost. He  
30 stated that this is the cost of doing business. But we are trying to minimize that impact by  
31 planning ahead. We have been in the preliminary planning phases for this for three-years.  
32 This is just getting us so the Board can have some numbers and we can have confidence  
33 that the money we are putting up for debt will actually support the projects and the Board  
34 can comprehensively approve the projects and go to the constituents and say, "This is  
35 why we need it."  
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37 Trustee Pennington inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not he has an idea of  
38 what will be coming out of the Unencumbered Funds that Cindy Saenz will use to setup  
39 the separate account for this. Administrator Mekarski stated that he doesn't know. He  
40 would ask Mr. Theobald who is working the initial phase of this if he could hone it down.  
41 He stated that we only had one meeting. We are going to have a second meeting with the  
42 engineer. In the analysis from Robinson Engineering we have the preliminary and  
43 construction engineering. That has to be segmented. The construction engineering we are  
44 not ready to go forward with. That is the largest part of each of these line items. The first  
45 thing that he and Mr. Theobald have to do for each element is to identify what is the  
46 preliminary, minimum amount of engineering that is necessary for us to proceed with

1 defining the scope of the project, securing whatever necessary permits and authorization  
2 to get approvals of the Board. That would give us an estimate of what kind of monies  
3 would be coming out of the Unencumbered Fund Balance. Administrator Mekarski  
4 would only recommend going forward with the construction engineering for those critical  
5 elements that we are ready to go forward with the package, for instance, if we have  
6 designed a package, or we are ready to go through the bonding process, but we have not  
7 released the projects, like right after the Referendum Process, the Public Hearing Process  
8 we may open up the door even before the Bond Sale. He stated that there are all kinds of  
9 moving parts in here. He stated that we probably will have to have a number of small  
10 subcommittees with the Public Works Liaison, the Finance Committee Chairman, the  
11 Village President, and with Don Theobald. Mr. Theobald is helping to lead the financial  
12 analysis which is the beginning component. Administrator Mekarski inquired whether or  
13 not Mr. Theobald could comment.

14 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Pennington to suspend the rules.**

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

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17 Administrator Mekarski inquired of Mr. Theobald about the first meeting and some of the  
18 initial work that he and Ginny and Betty are doing.

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20 Mr. Theobald stated that this has been going on for quite some time. In the first meeting  
21 they were specifically understanding the project, the project costs and where the money is  
22 going to come from. We talked about those issues. He stated that we walked away with a  
23 small challenge and Ginny has laid out most of it already, and that is to say with the  
24 financing, with the cost of the project wrapped up together, what would any one of these  
25 four phases require in a fee structure. They are not going to roll it into anything bigger  
26 into a 2030 or 2040 Plan. They are putting it project, by project, by project. It will be  
27 pretty easy to see the impact each of these has on whether it is a sewer fee, an SSA, or if  
28 it is the MFT piece. Mr. Theobald stated that Ginny has it about finished. He stated that  
29 we just need to sit down maybe next week.

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31 Trustee Ormsby state that she didn't want to belabor this because she knows that there  
32 will be a multitude of meetings. She inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not  
33 the bullet points are really infrastructure that he and the Committee, or whoever he is  
34 working with, decided are critical to this Village.

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36 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that in terms of how many years we have talked  
37 about this, she believes that we have come to a consensus that these are priorities.

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39 Trustee Ormsby stated that she is just asking that these are the four that you identified.  
40 She is aware that we have looked at every single of one of these for a long time. Village  
41 President Meyers-Martin stated yes. She believes that they are the most critical.

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43 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have a Resolution that was drafted by our bond  
44 counsel. The draft of the Resolution is required by the IRS to ensure that if we do  
45 preliminary expenditures that they are reimbursed. Otherwise, they will not be

1 reimbursed and those funds would have to come out of the General Fund and not through  
2 a debt service structure.

3 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to adopt Resolution**  
4 **#2012-11 – Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures as drafted by**  
5 **James Shanahan.**

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

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8 **203<sup>rd</sup> & Governors Highway – Pedestrian Crossing – Intersection Improvements -**  
9 Administrator Mekarski stated that he has another item that is not on the Agenda. He  
10 talked about it at the last Board Meeting. He stated about three-weeks ago in coordination  
11 with Robinson Engineering and Smith Dawson & Andrews we have shifted funds from  
12 207<sup>th</sup> & Crawford to 203<sup>rd</sup> & Governors Highway. IDOT was able to identify additional  
13 funds so that intersection improvements and signalization by the high school and the  
14 hospital at Crawford and 203<sup>rd</sup> will take place without the necessity of our earmark. The  
15 earmark was initially secured from our Federal Lobbyist in Fiscal Year 2009. Smith  
16 Dawson & Andrews was working with Robinson Engineering and with the Village  
17 President and with Administrator Mekarski's Office. At the time Administrator Mekarski  
18 was in Houston on a family emergency. The Village President took the leadership role in  
19 doing the details to pull this off. He stated that this was no small feat. It really came down  
20 to the wire and really had to pull a lot of strings in order to get IDOT to shift the funds  
21 towards the Tolentine Park.

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23 Administrator Mekarski stated that we found out that it has all been signed, sealed, and  
24 delivered. We can begin Preliminary Engineering Studies and permitting to see what kind  
25 of crossing we can achieve and what kind of lane improvements. The Village President  
26 had indicated that currently IDOT is not warranting a signal, but in an earlier letter IDOT  
27 was alluding to the fact with lane improvements it would be open for discussion. The  
28 Village now has \$444,000.00. He stated that in a period of austerity and recession it was  
29 no small endeavor. On behalf of the Administration Team he wanted to compliment the  
30 Village President for carrying the ball.

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32 Trustee Waite inquired of Administrator Mekarski if we don't use all of it will we lose it.  
33 Administrator Mekarski stated that Smith Dawson & Andrews indicated that they wrote it  
34 in a very general fashion so it could be applied if there is a residual to another  
35 intersection improvement. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is not anticipated that  
36 you would have a residual. He stated that if you have to do a full signal and full lane  
37 improvements it could range from \$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00. The task is to see if we  
38 can keep the project within the money allotted or get supplementary sources.

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40 Trustee Ormsby stated that the money was shifted from 203<sup>rd</sup> and Crawford. She stated  
41 that is an incredibly dangerous turn. Administrator Mekarski stated that is being fully  
42 funded by IDOT. That has not been eliminated. Village President Meyers-Martin stated  
43 now we can do both.

44  
45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she had to thank Ed Paesel at South  
46 Suburban Mayors & Managers. He contacted the Village President and let her know that

1 the deadline was looming and the Village could lose this opportunity. The Village  
2 President had documents faxed to the Village Attorney. She stated that if Mr. Paesel had  
3 not contacted her she wouldn't have known that the deadline was so close.

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5 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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7 **Village President's Golf Outing** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the  
8 Village President's Golf Outing was held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Olympia Fields  
9 Country Club. She stated that it was a wonderful day. The weather was perfect. We had a  
10 lot of golfers and we had a lot of fun. She stated that we raised a lot of money for the  
11 Homeowners Associations which has always been the purpose of the golf outing. The  
12 money will be distributed to the Homeowners Associations so that they can accomplish  
13 some of their projects, or at least assist them in some of their projects. Village President  
14 Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Arthur Byrd and Trustee Waite for their help on the Golf  
15 Committee. She stated that we have to be creative in making our Golf Outing more  
16 attractive. She was informed that there are a lot of Charity and Political Golf Outings  
17 during the summer.

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that usually the Village is relegated to a date at  
20 the very beginning of the season in May or at the very end of the season in September.  
21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she spoke with Russell Ruscigno who is the  
22 General Manager of the Country Club. She is happy to announce that she has secured the  
23 date of Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, for next year's Golf Outing. She stated that she  
24 appreciates everyone's hard work.

25  
26 Trustee Waite stated that the dinner started off with the most magnificent spread of  
27 Hors d'oeuvres during the cocktail period. There was an open bar all evening. He stated  
28 that the dinner was superb.

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30 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there were wonderful sponsors for the  
31 cocktails, the dinner, the lunch, and the breakfast. She stated that it is a full day. She  
32 stated that we had a little band during the cocktail hour. That was a new addition for this  
33 year. Arnie Bauer Cadillac offers a car for anyone that gets a hole in one. The Cadillac  
34 was parked at the 16<sup>th</sup> Hole. No one got the car. A golfer did get a hole in one and won a  
35 set of Callaway Golf Clubs. She stated that she appreciates everyone's contributions and  
36 participation. She hopes that as time goes on more of the Homeowners Associations will  
37 have more representation.

38  
39 **Vollmer Road Corridor** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was on a  
40 panel with Mayor Braun from Flossmoor, Mayor Hofeld from Homewood, and Mayor  
41 Donaldson from Hazel Crest. She had an opportunity to speak with Mayor Braun. He is  
42 very excited about working with the Village on the Vollmer Road Corridor and working  
43 together to reach out for some Economic Development. She stated that she is very excited  
44 about that. She believes that it would serve Flossmoor and Olympia Fields to make that  
45 happen. She is hoping that they will meet before the next Board Meeting so that she can

1 go into more detail on how they foresee that going forward. Trustee Ormsby stated that is  
2 great.

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4 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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6 **Tree Program** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the Tree Program ends October 15<sup>th</sup>. There  
7 are only four Homeowners Associations that have requested trees. The Homeowners  
8 Associations should contact Karen at Village Hall if they are interested in participating in  
9 the Tree Program. Trustee Ormsby stated that she has some money left. Whatever is left  
10 of that money she will spend and it will go towards a common area of the Village. The  
11 Village’s Landscaper is going to deliver and plant the trees.

12  
13 **Irons Oaks** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she is going to set up a meeting with Irons  
14 Oaks. She stated that their corner has been a thorn in her side. It is unacceptable. She  
15 would like Trustee Oliver to participate in that meeting. She is going to ask the Park  
16 District to sit in on that meeting as well as the Flossmoor Park District. She stated that  
17 John McDonnell, Reginald Ford, Joe Alexa and Administrator Mekarski will be at the  
18 meeting. She stated that Flossmoor needs to be there. They dumped a mound of tree  
19 mulch there. She stated that people are pulling over and picking it up. She stated that is a  
20 safety issue. She has about 10 bullet points with them. Signage is one of them. Trustee  
21 Ormsby stated that this is not going to continue. It looks like a devastated, blighted area.  
22 Trees are falling down. It is a mess. There is litter there. The corner looks unacceptable.  
23 She stated that she is going to request a meeting.

24  
25 **Request for Funding for the Olympia Fields Park District Fall Pumpkin Festival -**  
26 Trustee Oliver inquired of the Board whether or not a decision has been made to provide  
27 any funding for the Pumpkin Festival. The event is on October 6<sup>th</sup>. There will not be  
28 another Board Meeting prior to the event.

29  
30 Trustee Pennington stated that he did advise the Village President with his  
31 recommendation. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Trustee Pennington’s  
32 recommendation was \$500.00. Trustee Pennington stated that last year the Village gave  
33 the Park District \$1,000.00. He stated that we can offer any kind of in-kind service in lieu  
34 of the \$500.00 if we want to. Village President Meyers-Martin stated in-kind service of  
35 Public Works and Police.

36 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson that we provide for the**  
37 **Olympia Fields Park District Pumpkin Fest the sum of \$500.00.**

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39 Trustee Waite stated that if we gave them \$1,000.00 last year it doesn’t seem right to only  
40 give them \$500.00.

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42 Trustee Pennington stated that we didn’t budget for it. It is not in the budget. Trustee  
43 Ormsby stated that they came three-weeks ago and asked for it. Trustee Oliver stated that  
44 he did ask for it during the Budget Cycle but it just died. Trustee Ormsby stated that you  
45 asked for it during the Budget Cycle and we said “No.” Trustee Oliver stated yes. Trustee  
46 Ormsby stated and now they are back. Trustee Oliver stated yes. Trustee Ormsby stated

1 that if, indeed, this is going to happen again next year, you need to come to us at budget  
2 time. She stated that if the answer is no, she doesn't want to revisit it. Trustee Pennington  
3 stated that we already made it clear to them. Trustee Pennington stated that it is not up to  
4 us to let them know when our budget period is. They should know.

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6 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she says this every single time because she  
7 truly believes it. There certainly are issues with the Park District and we know them all.  
8 They are the Olympia Fields Park District and people tie us to them in every single way.  
9 She would hate for this particular fest to be unsuccessful because we were not looking at  
10 the big picture in terms of what they do, how they do it, and how they represent the  
11 Village. She agrees that from now on there needs to be some kind of communication,  
12 some kind of sit down meeting where they understand that the Village is not the deep  
13 pockets here. We want to support them but we are not deep pockets.

14  
15 Trustee Gibson stated that this is all coming from her Budget. She stated that we do that  
16 before she speaks with Cindy. She stated that most of the time we go to the source and  
17 ask them during our budget process what do we need to help you with. We need to have  
18 it now. She stated that they are not the only organization that has not come forth. There  
19 are several others. She stated that when they don't give us any information then we don't  
20 budget anything.

21  
22 Trustee Waite stated let's follow-up and see how successful this thing is. Trustee Oliver  
23 asked that everyone attend. It is the first Saturday in October. He stated that it is very  
24 nice. He stated to bring your grandkids.

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26 Trustee Ormsby stated that she knows that we are two separate entities but we are always  
27 perceived as one. She stated that the money is paid for by our residents. It is divided up.  
28 Trustee Ormsby stated that it makes us look again, like we didn't know what was going  
29 on. She stated then we are giving them this money. She stated that she is more than  
30 willing to partner with them but this is so against what we do in our budget. She stated  
31 that it is difficult.

32  
33 Trustee Oliver inquired as the Liaison to the Park District what should he do during the  
34 Budget Cycle so that this doesn't occur again. Trustee Ormsby stated that Trustee Oliver  
35 did what he was suppose to do. He brought it up during the Budget Cycle and the Board  
36 said, "No."

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38 Trustee Waite stated that you need to meet on a more regular basis and have more  
39 communication as to what their programs and projects are, especially if they are going to  
40 ask the Village for monetary help or in-kind help.

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42 Trustee Pennington stated that is the point he wanted to make. He totally agrees with  
43 what Trustee Waite stated. Trustee Pennington stated that they should keep the Board  
44 informed as to what other revenue sources they are going to seek funds from because we  
45 are not the deep pockets here. He believes that since they have a new administration and

1 a new marketing and events person there that he will do a good job for them. He will be  
2 on point when it comes to seeking funding.

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

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5 **Gala at Southland College Prep Charter High School** – Trustee Oliver stated that this  
6 weekend is Dr. Blondean Davis’s Fundraiser. He inquired whether or not it has been  
7 confirmed who is going.

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9 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have ten-tickets. Gladys Foster was  
10 reaching out to the Trustees first. Depending upon how many Trustees could go she was  
11 then going to reach out to the members of the Educational Commission. Village President  
12 Meyers-Martin wasn’t aware what the final count is.

13  
14 Trustee Gibson stated that Gladys Foster sent out a notice today to remind the people that  
15 had indicated that they were going, that it has been approved for them to go. She is  
16 assuming that the table is filled. Gladys had indicated that she had some Trustees and  
17 some members of the Educational Commission.

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19 **Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association** – Trustee Waite stated that we were  
20 looking at reimbursing Olympia Fields East for lawn mowing. Trustee Ormsby stated that  
21 we are doing that. We share the cost. We approved \$3,000.00.

22  
23 **Naturale Hair Salon Update** - Trustee Gibson inquired whether or not we have heard  
24 anymore about the problem at Naturale Hair Salon. Trustee Ormsby stated that it has  
25 been repaired. It was inspected and it is in good order. There was a leak. The roof has  
26 been repaired. Reginald Ford looked at it after the last Board Meeting and stated that it  
27 was in good order.

28  
29 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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31 **October 8<sup>th</sup> Scheduled Holiday – Consideration of Cancelling Board of Trustee**  
32 **Meeting** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have a proposal to consider  
33 cancelling the Board Meeting of October 8<sup>th</sup> because it is a scheduled holiday and Village  
34 Hall will be closed that day.

35 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Waite to approve the cancellation of**  
36 **the Board of Trustees Meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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38 Trustee Waite suggested that since there are five Mondays in October the Board could  
39 meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> and there could still be two Board Meetings in October. Trustee Gibson  
40 reminded the Board that the Board has a full day meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Village  
41 President Meyers-Martin stated that the Board has two-meetings coming up. There is a  
42 meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> and one on October 13<sup>th</sup> which is a Saturday. Administrator  
43 Mekarski stated that the meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> is from 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. He  
44 stated that is the Chief of Police selection process.

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

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there will be no Board Meeting on October  
2 8<sup>th</sup>. The next Board Meeting will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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4 **Graymoor Lateral Project** - Administrator Mekarski stated that he mentioned the Bond  
5 strategy. The Village is working with the Corp of Engineers and Congressman Jackson's  
6 Office to possibly subsidize the Graymoor Lateral Project with \$250,000.00 to  
7 \$300,000.00 of Federal Dollars. There has been correspondence back and forth for the  
8 past two or three-months between the Corp of Engineers and the engineers. He stated that  
9 if we succeed, that is a huge caveat and we owe Congressman Jackson a debt of gratitude.

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11 **Flowers at Village Hall** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated to Trustee Ormsby  
12 that the flowers outside of Village Hall look absolutely spectacular. She stated that it is  
13 very beautiful. Trustee Ormsby thanked Village President Meyers-Martin. She stated that  
14 they did a little bit of a change in front of the statute. Trustee Ormsby stated that she  
15 asked Naomi Perkins to take some pictures for the Village's Website.

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17 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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

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22 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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24 **To Discuss Matters of Collective Bargaining – Open Meetings Act Section**  
25 **5ILCS120/2(c)(2) -**

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27 **To Discuss Matters of Pending Litigation – Open Meetings Act Section**  
28 **5ILCS120/2(c)(11) -**

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30 **To Discuss Matters of Personnel – Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) –**  
31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to go into Executive**  
32 **Session at 9:00 P.M. to Discuss Matters of Collective Bargaining according to the**  
33 **Open Meeting Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(2), to Discuss Matters of Pending**  
34 **Litigation according to the Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(11), and to**  
35 **Discuss Matters of Personnel according to the Open Meetings Act Section**  
36 **5ILCS120/2(c)(1).**

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

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39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will not take any action once we come  
40 back to Open Session.

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42 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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44 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Gibson to go into Open Session at 9:52**  
45 **P.M.**

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

