

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on September 26, 2016**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 26th, 2016, at the
6 Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President Debra Meyers-
7 Martin at 7:00 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Clerk/Director of
8 Finance Cynthia Saenz called the roll.
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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Pennington, Hudson, Byrd, and Waite
11 Village President Debra Meyers-Martin
12 Deputy Clerk/Director of Finance, Cynthia Saenz
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14 Absent: Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David MekarSKI
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16 **Continuance of September 19, 2016, Public Hearing –**
17 **Motion to Continue the September 19, 2016, Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed**
18 **Consent Judgment in the Case of Central States Tower III, LLC v. Village of Olympia**
19 **Fields, No. 2016 CV 07984, currently pending in U.S. District Court until the Next**
20 **Regularly Scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.**
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22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that as you can see on the Agenda, we were suppose to
23 continue our Public Hearing. However, our Attorney has not received the documents that we
24 needed in order to go forward with the Public Hearing.

25 **Motion by Trustee Gibson second by Trustee Pennington to Continue the September 19,**
26 **2016, Public Hearing to the next Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 11th, 2016.**

27 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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29 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
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31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to suspend with the reading of**
32 **the Minutes of the September 12th, 2016, Special Board Meeting.**

33 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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35 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Pennington to approve the Minutes of the**
36 **September 12th, 2016, Special Board Meeting as presented.**

37 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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39 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**
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41 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you have before you tonight Bills for Approval in
42 the amount of \$151,240.27. There is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the more
43 significant payouts.
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45 Trustee Pennington stated that he has one observation. On the Memo itself, it is pertaining to
46 Planning and Teska Associates billings. The first fee is “Planners Fee” in the amount of \$77.50.
47 That is incorrect. It should be \$70.00. The Detailed Report states specifically the correct amount.

1 This is just a typographical error on the Memo. It should be brought out that is an error. The total
2 amount remains the same. There's no discrepancy in the amount of bills payable.

3 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Byrd to approve the payment of Bills for**
4 **September 26th, 2016, in the total amount of \$151,240.27.**

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

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7 **COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

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9 Village President Meyers-Martin opened Communications & Petitions at 7:04 P.M.

10 Although there were members of the public in the audience, no one wished to address the Board.

11 Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications & Petitions at 7:05 P.M.

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13 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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15 **A. Recommendation for Payment of Invoice #16080248 to Robinson Engineering for Work**
16 **Completed in Connection with the Vollmer Road Reconstruction Preliminary Engineering**
17 **Project (Project No. 14-590) in the amount of \$57,927.43.**

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that brings us to our Consent Agenda Item 6(A). This is
20 a routine item that does not require discussion among the Board.

21 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Pennington to approve Consent Agenda Item**
22 **6(A).**

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

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25 **FINANCE:**

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27 **Educational Commission Annual Report** - Trustee Byrd stated that he does not have a Finance
28 Report tonight. Trustee Byrd stated that Mrs. Ilene Waite is here from the Educational
29 Commission. She has prepared a presentation on the Annual Report.

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31 Mrs. Waite stated that the Trustees have a copy of the Annual Report in their Board Packet. They
32 also have copies of supporting information. Last year representatives of the Educational
33 Commission attended a variety of School District Board Meetings. Teachers, Administrators, and
34 School Board Members have also met with the Commission at various times throughout the year.
35 The Mini Grant was continued for the fifth-year. This year 13 Mini Grants were awarded. The
36 details are in the Board Packet. The Commission continues support for the Southland College
37 Prep Charter High School. Southland celebrated the graduation of their third class in May of
38 2016. Members of the Educational Commission facilitated the choice of a recipient of the
39 President's Scholarship for an Olympia Fields resident. The Student Report Card was completed.
40 The Student Report Card for our School Districts was distributed to the residents of Olympia
41 Fields in August of 2016. There is a copy of the Report in the Board Packet. The 2016 College &
42 Career Symposium took place on May 31st, 2016, at Southland College Prep Charter High
43 School. The successful event was sponsored by the Olympia Fields Educational Commission and
44 Franciscan St. James Health.

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46 Mrs. Waite stated that the attachments to the Annual Report include the following: The Mini
47 Grant details; The College & Career Symposium; The Student Report Card; and a List of

1 Activities, the highlights of what we did all year. Mrs. Waite thanked Faith Stine, the Recording
2 Secretary for the Educational Commission who prepares the List of Activities of what the
3 Educational Commission did each year. She stated that we do appreciate her help. Mrs. Waite
4 stated that the Annual Report will be on the Website of the Educational Commission.

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6 Trustee Waite inquired of Mrs. Waite whether or not the Educational Commission Meetings are
7 open to the public. Mrs. Waite stated yes, the meetings are open to the public. Trustee Waite
8 inquired of Mrs. Waite when the Educational Commission meets. Mrs. Waite stated that they
9 meet the first Tuesday of every month in the Board Room at 6:30 P.M.

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11 Trustee Pennington stated that he had a question relating to the Mini Grant Program. Have we
12 ever received any updates on how these Grants are actually being used by the educators who
13 receive the Grants?

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15 Mrs. Waite stated that she has gotten pictures from some of them. The pictures are on the
16 Website for the Educational Commission. The other things as far as she knows, went to Gladys
17 Foster and Reggie Ford for some reason. Mrs. Waite stated that she doesn't have any of that
18 available and she apologized to Trustee Pennington. Mrs. Waite inquired of Trustee Pennington
19 whether or not he wanted her to dig that up for him. Trustee Pennington stated that he will repeat
20 what he repeated last year, that given the amount of money that we are giving to the Commission
21 for these Grants, it would be nice to see exactly how they are used, if they were used in the
22 proper manner, and what was the outcome within the student class itself regarding the Mini
23 Grant.

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25 Mrs. Waite and Karen McCray attended one day of the Cinco de Mayo event. They have some
26 pictures from that. Mrs. Waite stated that she will try and get that other information and send it to
27 Trustee Pennington. She is not sure where that information goes. Trustee Pennington stated that
28 it is accountability, and we want to make sure that the monies that we expend to the
29 Commission, and the Commission expends to the various schools, that the funds are being used
30 properly. He stated that is all. Mrs. Waite stated that she agrees with Trustee Pennington. Trustee
31 Pennington thanked Mrs. Waite. Trustee Byrd thanked Mrs. Waite.

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33 Trustee Byrd stated that he wanted to acknowledge the rest of the Commissioners on the
34 Educational Commission which are as follows: Tonya Davis, Reggie Ford, Dr. Ernie Gibson, Dr.
35 Doris Langon, Karen McCray, Kelvin Oliver, Don Ransford, Cheryl Rutherford, Fred Veazey,
36 Ilene Waite, and Dr. Delores Woods. Trustee Byrd stated that we can probably get the
37 information that Trustee Pennington requested from the Principals because they oversee that.
38 Trustee Byrd stated that he and Mrs. Waite can bring it up at the next Educational Commission
39 Meeting to make sure that we contact those Principals and see what is going on with those Mini
40 Grants. It has been a subject that has been tossed around for the last two or three-years. What is
41 happening with the Mini Grants? They are a good thing. We really want to keep them. We want
42 to know if they are being used properly and if they have any success with them. Trustee
43 Pennington stated correct.

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45 Trustee Byrd stated that we meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. He stated that
46 everyone is invited to come.

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1 **BUILDING:**

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3 **Public Hearing to Review an Application by Franciscan St. James Health for a Variance**
4 **from Section 22-403 of the Village of Zoning Ordinance. The Request is to Reduce the**
5 **Required Length of a Parking Stall from 20' to 18', and the Required Two-Way Drive**
6 **Aisle from 25' Wide to 24' Wide** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she sees from
7 the Agenda that there will be a Public Hearing. She inquired of Trustee Hudson whether or not
8 she wanted to give an overview of what is being required of the Public Hearing.
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10 Trustee Hudson stated that she doesn't have a Formal Report on it. Mr. John McDonnell is here
11 today to give us a total overview as to what is going to happen.
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13 Mr. John McDonnell stated that you have a Memo in front of you. St. James Hospital in Olympia
14 Fields is requesting a Variance to the Spacial Standards as set forth in our Ordinance. It is a
15 simple Variance that they are asking for. As you can see from Teska's Report they have done the
16 background on it. They have the parking requirements that are required by the Village and the
17 minimal Variance that the Hospital is asking for. One of the Architect's for the Hospital is here.
18 He is going to give you some background information on the reason they need this to expand
19 their parking accessibility.
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21 Mr. Eric Neagu from The Antero Group thanked the Board for entertaining this Variance.
22 Currently, the site has 1,368 parking spaces. They would like to expand that since they are
23 consolidating two facilities, Chicago Heights and Olympia Fields. The expansion will bring them
24 up to 1,495 parking spaces. In order to do that they require a minor Variance on the Village's
25 Parking Stall Ordinance from 19-feet for the typical striping length to 18-feet. The drive aisle
26 widths would go from 26-feet to 24-feet. That allows them to have an increased buffer between
27 the adjacent neighborhood, The Traditions, which has been very concerned with the
28 construction. They are concerned with the aesthetics in the area. This allows them to keep the
29 proposed detention pond to a minimum, and it allows for a berm that provides some protective
30 covering on the north side of the Hospital. They will landscape that as well. It prevents them
31 from having to construct a retaining wall along the high school on the east side of the facility. It
32 has a lot of benefits. He stated that hopefully you will accept this change.
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34 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Neagu that aside from parking and that kind of thing, how does he
35 feel the whole project is developing so far.
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37 Mr. Neagu stated that they have been trying to communicate very closely with the Village
38 Management. He stated that from their perspective it is not moving quickly enough. That is not
39 the Village's fault. That is more on their side. We have had a lot of rain. It is moving along quite
40 well.
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42 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Mr. McDonnell to speak to the Village's Ordinance in
43 terms of the regulations. She stated that Mr. McDonnell commented in his Memo that we are
44 quite generous in our parking spaces. She asked Mr. McDonnell if he could just speak to that.
45 She also inquired of Mr. McDonnell whether or not there would be any detrimental effect if the
46 Variance was allowed.
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1 Mr. McDonnell stated no. He stated that this is something that we have been kind of kicking
2 around to reduce our Standards for parking. He stated that because it seems land is a little bit
3 more precious and a little bit more costly, that having to provide all these parking spaces for say
4 one day out of the year like a Strip Mall or a Wal-Mart, you know, a couple days during the
5 Christmas Season their parking lot will be full, and then throughout the rest of the season there is
6 more than 50% of the parking available. It is the way the parking movement is going reducing
7 those parking requirements and reducing those spaces as cars are getting smaller. Everybody
8 wants to save money on gas so they are getting smaller vehicles. The trend is moving towards
9 our requirements are really strict for parking. As we are rebuilding the entire Zoning Ordinance,
10 the Board will probably see some of those numbers being relaxed a little bit and coming down on
11 those requirements.

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13 Trustee Waite stated that he noticed that there is a lot of reserved parking for doctors and
14 executives and so forth. He stated that when he goes over there 80% of the time they are vacant.
15 He stated that it is like setting up reserved spots at Metra and they are used once a week and the
16 rest of the time they don't get used. Trustee Waite inquired whether or not there is some way to
17 change that.

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19 Mr. Neagu stated that they intend to have a dedicated Physicians Parking Lot. The parking in its
20 entirety is being addressed through this project in terms of where people park, how they park,
21 where the employees park versus patients. They are looking at all of that. All of that will be
22 modified. It will be clearer as we go forward. They do anticipate that they are still going to be a
23 little bit on the tight side with parking even with the expansion.

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25 Trustee Waite stated that he noticed one time when he was down at Bentonville, Arkansas
26 calling on Wal-Mart they didn't have that. The visitors had the parking spots closest to where
27 you went into the offices. Even Sam Walton parked his red pickup truck somewhere else. It was
28 somewhere near the front door because he was the first one there. They didn't have there what
29 we have, and that is a lot of space and no parkers.

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31 Mr. Neagu stated that as we consolidate the Hospitals we will definitely have more visitors
32 coming into Olympia Fields. Trustee Waite stated that we want the visitors to be able to park
33 closest. They are coming in and leaving, as opposed to coming in and work a whole day and then
34 work three or four-days somewhere else and nobody parks in their spot.

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36 Mr. Neagu stated that what we are going to do to address that is there will be Employee Parking
37 further away from the Hospital. We will provide some pedestrian access for them. There will be
38 a dedicated Physicians Parking Lot. It is a little bit closer to the Hospital because they have to get
39 in and get out. We will be increasing the visitors' spaces closest to the Hospital. That's the
40 strategy. We recognize that the current configurations don't really work for anybody. That will
41 all be modified by this time next year. He believes that what Trustee Waite is asking will be
42 addressed.

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44 Village President Meyers-Martin opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 P.M. She stated that if
45 anybody from the audience has any questions regarding the Parking Variance feel free to come
46 forward. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that a friend of hers just purchased a Buick
47 Electra 225, a 1960 something. Trustee Pennington stated a '65. Village President Meyers-

1 Martin stated that the car is as long as this dais. She stated that you use to require a lot more
2 space for cars.

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4 Trustee Hudson stated that there are some places that she goes to and there are spots for the little
5 cars and only the little cars can park there. She stated that if you are reducing the size of the
6 parking space it is going to be easy for them to park. The bigger SUV's and things of that type it
7 will make it a little bit more difficult isn't it?

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9 Mr. McDonnell stated that it is just the length of the space that we are giving them a Variance
10 for, not the actual width of the space. Even the longer SUV's will still fit in that 19-foot space.
11 He believes that the approximate length of an SUV is like 13-feet. Trustee Hudson stated that
12 there are some longer ones. Trustee Waite stated that the big ones are 20-feet.

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14 Trustee Hudson inquired of Mr. Neagu whether or not they are going to have parking across the
15 street.

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17 Mr. Neagu stated no. The Hospital owns a considerable amount of land across the street. There
18 may be some expansion in the future. If we get to the point where we need additional parking
19 because there is so much activity on the site we have discussed potentially using that as sort of a
20 backup resource. Right now we have not done any design work for that. We are focused on our
21 campus. We are aware that may need to happen in the future. That would be five, 10-years down
22 the road.

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24 Mr. McDonnell stated on the other side of the street of the Hospital, that's a setup area just for
25 construction only. You see the construction fenced area. You will see cars and trucks moving in
26 and out of there. That is a backup setup area for the construction crews, construction crew
27 parking, very large equipment parking. They are trying to keep all of that away from the Hospital
28 as much as possible during construction.

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30 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or not anyone in the audience wanted to
31 speak during the Public Hearing.

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33 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Neagu without the Variance how many parking
34 spaces would there be.

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36 Mr. Neagu stated that there would be 1,368. That's the current condition. They will be adding
37 about 130 more.

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39 Although, members of the public were in the audience, no one wished to speak during the Public
40 Hearing. Village President Meyers-Martin closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 P.M.

41 **Motion by Trustee Hudson, second by Trustee Byrd to approve a Variance in the Spacial**
42 **Standards as set forth in the Code of Ordinances Chapter 22, Article VI, Division 4, Section**
43 **22-403 (d) & (e), to allow for a Reduction in Parking Stall Length from 20 feet to 18 feet,**
44 **and a Reduction in Drive Aisle Width from 25 feet to 24 feet, for the Franciscan St. James**
45 **Facility Located on the North East Corner of Crawford Avenue and 203rd Street, and**
46 **Adopt for the Record the Memorandum from Teska Associates as the Findings of Fact.**

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

1 Mr. McDonnell thanked Village President Meyers-Martin and the Board of Trustees.

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3 **PLANNING:**

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5 **Veterans Affair Committee Update** – Trustee Pennington stated that he wanted to update the
6 Board this evening on the recent activities of the Veterans Affairs Committee. He stated that
7 many of you know that Joseph Martin recently tendered his resignation as Chairman of the
8 Committee. The Committee Members met to name Chairman Martin’s successor, as well as
9 name new individuals to the office of Vice Chairman and Secretary. Subject to the concurrence
10 of President Meyers-Martin and the Board of Trustees, the Committee has presented the
11 following names: Chairman – Don Ransford; Vice Chairman – Nicole Mandeville; and for
12 Secretary – Howard Robinson.

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14 Trustee Pennington stated that as he has previously reported the Veterans Affairs Committee’s
15 signature project is the construction of a Veterans Memorial in Olympia Fields to honor the men
16 and women who have served in the Armed Forces and who are residents of the Village. We
17 conducted a Site Location Review and have designated two potential sites. The first site is
18 acreage located at Sergeant Means Park. The second site is located at the Brookdale Senior
19 Living Center. Brookdale has a large number of Veterans living in the residence. We have also
20 learned that Brookdale actively markets their facility to Veterans seeking retirement living.
21 Trustee Pennington along with Nicole Mandeville and Howard Robinson met with the Brookdale
22 Management on September 7th to discuss the possibility of partnering with the Village of
23 Olympia Fields in this endeavor. Their meeting was well-received and Brookdale’s Management
24 indicated an interest to work with the Village. That is subject to this Board’s approval as well as
25 their corporate management.

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27 Trustee Pennington stated that this is going to be in a phased program. He stated that we, on the
28 Veterans side are still looking at engineering scopes and the type of memorial that we want to
29 erect. They envision that this project will be at least a couple of years out. It is also subject to
30 financing as well. He stated that as our efforts continue we will report any new developments to
31 this Board and keep the Board informed accordingly.

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33 **Annual Veterans Day Breakfast at Brookdale on November 10th, 2016** – Trustee Pennington
34 stated that on November 10th, Brookdale Senior Living Center will host its Annual Veterans Day
35 Breakfast starting at 9:00 A.M. This Board has been invited as well as Veterans who reside in the
36 Village. He believes that President Meyers-Martin will be on the dais. Village President Meyers-
37 Martin stated that she will be there.

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39 **Prairie State College Celebrates 50th Anniversary of the Viet Nam War** – Trustee
40 Pennington stated that on November 10th, 2016, Prairie State College will be celebrating the 50th
41 Anniversary of the Viet Nam War. He stated that many of us Viet Nam War Veterans will be
42 attending that. That begins at 2:00 P.M. at Prairie State College.

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44 **Olympia Fields Park District Hosts Annual Salute to Veterans on November 11th, 2016** –
45 Trustee Pennington stated that the Olympia Fields Park District will host its Annual Salute to the
46 Veterans at the Old Village Hall. This starts at 11:00 A.M. It will probably go until Noon or
47 12:30 P.M. Trustee Pennington stated that all Veterans and residents are invited to this event.

1 **Olympia Fields Veterans Affairs Committee Hosts First Fundraising Breakfast on**
2 **December 3rd, 2016** – Trustee Pennington stated that on December 3rd, 2016, the Olympia
3 Fields Veterans Affairs Committee will host its first Fundraising Breakfast at the Olympia Fields
4 Country Club. That will be held in the Candlelight Room starting at 11:00 A.M. They are in the
5 planning stages of this right now. Further information will be provided for this event at our next
6 Board Meeting.

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she concurs with those recommendations for the
9 Appointments. We will move quickly with that. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she
10 must commend the Veterans Affairs Committee and Trustee Pennington as Liaison. She stated
11 that you have really made a lot of progress very quickly in terms of putting together an Event
12 Calendar, and events that will be coming up for the Veterans. Village President Meyers-Martin
13 stated that she appreciates that because we started off at the Park District for Veterans Day with
14 very few people in attendance. That has grown over the years. She is very proud of the fact that
15 we have been able to stem some interest in Veterans Day in Olympia Fields so you don't have to
16 go to all of these other places.

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18 Trustee Pennington thanked Village President Meyers-Martin. He stated that we have a great
19 group now. The members that attend our meetings he deems them to be the core group of this
20 organization. Trustee Pennington stated that we received a \$1,000.00 donation for our fundraiser
21 already. That is unprecedented. We have never done that before. We have a little additional
22 money in our coffers, which we will use appropriately and report out how they are being used as
23 we use them. We have a great group. The group is growing. He stated ultimately what we want
24 to do is make this more regional in scope, and get some of the other communities who do not
25 have a Veterans Committee to participate with us. We want to reach out to all of the Veterans in
26 the Village of Olympia Fields. He stated that the majority of the Veterans live in Brookdale. We
27 still want to reach out to the Veterans in the Village. He sees a couple of Veterans in the
28 audience that we want to reach out to. That's what we are all about.

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30 Trustee Waite stated that the representative from Brookdale that was here, he doesn't remember
31 the gentleman's name. He said that he was 91-years old. Trustee Pennington stated Mr. Liang.
32 Trustee Waite stated yes. He stated that Mr. Liang stated, "I'm going to deliver 250-votes for the
33 Referendum." Trustee Waite stated that is the first time he has heard anybody talk about
34 delivering votes for anything. He thought that was pretty superb. He believes that it was only
35 because of your leadership that he jumped up and said that. Trustee Waite stated congratulations
36 on that.

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38 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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40 **Lower Electric Bills Update** - Trustee Waite stated that he did not have a Formal Report this
41 evening. Trustee Waite stated that we continue to have lower electric bills for the Metra Parking
42 Lot. He hasn't figured those out. The last Report he had it was like a 60% savings. Trustee Waite
43 is sure that it has improved. He will try to have that for a later meeting.

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45 **Water Main and Sewer Line Ruptures Update** - Trustee Waite stated that the amount of water
46 main ruptures and sewer line ruptures is way down. We did a pretty aggressive job last year of
47 trying to find where the weaknesses were in our water lines and getting them repaired.

1 **Removal of Ash Trees Update** - Trustee Waite stated that we have gotten the removal of the
2 Ash Trees down. We are running out of trees. Things are going along pretty well. Trustee Waite
3 stated that he is proud of what Public Works is doing. He stated that morale is high and that is a
4 good thing.

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6 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will not have a Report for Human Resources this
9 evening.

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11 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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13 **Information Only: IDOT Traffic Safety Grant Award - \$24,000.00** - Trustee Gibson stated
14 that she has two Reports this evening. Neither of them will require a vote or a Motion. They are
15 for information only. The first Report is on the IDOT Traffic Safety Grant Award.

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17 Because of the Department's continuous participation in and outstanding productivity and
18 administration of previous Traffic Safety Grant Initiatives, the Illinois Department of
19 Transportation recently awarded a \$24,000.00 Grant to the Department for Fiscal Year October
20 2016 through September 2017.

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22 The Village is reimbursed 100% for costs associated with Traffic Safety Grant Initiatives. Traffic
23 Safety Grants allow the Department to perform additional traffic safety functions such as seat
24 belt enforcement, impaired driving (DUI) enforcement, distracted driving (use of cellular
25 phones) and texting enforcement, and speeding enforcement at no additional cost to the Village.

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27 By participating in these Grant opportunities, police department personnel provide highly visible
28 and highly effective traffic enforcement functions to our community while making the roadways
29 and motoring public safer because of their efforts.

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31 Corporal Don Dean should be recognized and commended for administering these traffic safety
32 enforcement initiatives along with the assistance of his "regulars" who always sign-up for extra
33 duty traffic enforcement; they are: Detective Corporal Akiyama, Officer Pearson, and Officer
34 Twilley.

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36 **Information Only: Appointment of Chief Krull to the North East Multi-Regional Training**
37 **Committee** - Trustee Gibson stated that the second item is the Appointment of our own,
38 wonderful Chief to the North East Multi-Regional Training Committee.

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40 Chief Krull was notified by North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT) that he has been
41 selected to serve on NEMRT's Training and Curriculum Committee. Olympia Fields has been a
42 long standing member of NEMRT and has continuously taken advantage of the critical training
43 classes offered by NEMRT.

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45 NEMRT's Training and Curriculum Committee is responsible for reporting to NEMRT's Board
46 of Directors for; developing a five-year strategic training plan, overseeing the development of
47 new courses in support of that plan, overseeing the revision of current course offerings in support

1 of that training plan and insuring the equitable delivery of training programs to member
2 departments throughout the NEMRT service area including the south suburbs.

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4 Chief Krull's selection to and participation in the Training and Curriculum Committee is a
5 positive reflection of the Department and the Village of Olympia Fields.

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7 Trustee Gibson stated that a copy of this letter will be put into the file for Chief Krull.

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9 Trustee Gibson stated that she wanted to read a short bit of the letter that Chief Krull received.
10 This letter is to Chief John Krull. "As the Chief of Police for the Village of Olympia Fields, your
11 ideas and professionalism have had a positive influence on the successful administration of the
12 department; moreover, your decisions, personal values and dedication to duty make a positive
13 contribution to the quality of life enjoyed by the residents and visitors to the Village. Your
14 willingness to participate in various activities of North East Multi-Regional Training indicates
15 your desire to make a similar contribution throughout the six county metropolitan Chicago area. I
16 am pleased to invite you to become a member of the Training and Curriculum Committee of
17 North East Multi-Regional Training." There are many other items here that give kudos to our
18 Chief concerning the different things that he has done with that Committee. We will place this
19 letter from North East Multi-Regional Training in the file remembering what a wonderful person
20 and active person our Chief is for this Village as well as the area.

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated congratulations to the Chief.

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24 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Administrator Mekarski is attending a conference
27 and does not have a Report this evening.

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29 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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31 **Economic Development Breakfast for Mayors** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated that
32 today Frank Zuccarelli, the Supervisor from Thornton Township and Congresswoman Kelly
33 hosted an Economic Development Breakfast for Mayors at South Suburban College. It was very
34 well-attended. She is glad that finally the south suburbs are beginning to get some attention as it
35 relates to Economic Development, and the need for it. The County Representatives in attendance
36 were: Cook County Commissioner, Stanley Moore; Michael Jasso who is the Bureau Chief from
37 the Bureau of Economic Development; John Yohan who is the Superintendent of Cook County
38 Transportation; John Donovan who is the Metropolitan Planning Specialist for the Federal
39 Highway Administration; Ray Willis from Community Planning at the U.S. Department of
40 HUD; and Alyssa Johnson from the Census Bureau. There were a lot of speakers, but also a lot
41 of information that was shared. She is glad that she was able to attend. She is glad that we are
42 beginning to get the attention that much of the rest of the State has received when it comes to
43 Economic Development. As long as there is awareness, she believes there is an opportunity to
44 progress.

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46 **Grand Opening of the Super Wal-Mart in Olympia Fields held on September 14th** – Village
47 President Meyers-Martin stated that we had the Grand Opening of Wal-Mart on September 14th.

1 It was very well-attended considering how early it was. The Rich Central Marching Band
2 performed. They were absolutely fantastic. She stated that Wal-Mart gave out checks to
3 charitable organizations which is encouraging that they will participate in the community,
4 because they are a community asset as well as a neighbor. She is very excited that the opening
5 took place. The opening took place about nine-months earlier than when they were originally
6 scheduled to open. That is because we were able to get assistance from our Legislators: Senator
7 Hutchinson, Representative Riley, and Representative DeLuca, all pitching in and interceding
8 with us and IDOT which was the hold up in terms of getting those Permits. Village President
9 Meyers-Martin thanked everybody that participated that day. She stated that it took us about six-
10 years from beginning to end to put Wal-Mart in place. She stated that we are happy to have them
11 here.

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13 **Coffee with the Village President to be held October 22nd, 2016** – Village President Meyers-
14 Martin stated that her “Coffee with the President” is always the second Saturday of the month.
15 She stated for October, she will be postponing that to October 22nd. She stated for her regulars
16 that come, we will be together on October 22nd instead of October 8th.

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18 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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20 **Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 11, 2016, Due to the Columbus Day Holiday** –
21 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that under New Business our next Board Meeting which
22 was scheduled for October 10th is Columbus Day. We will be moving the Board Meeting to
23 Tuesday, October 11th because of the Columbus Day Holiday.

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25 Trustee Waite stated that he had a chance to talk with the top guy at the Wal-Mart Store. Trustee
26 Waite met the gentleman’s mother. The gentleman lives in Tinley Park and his mother lives a
27 few doors away from him. The gentleman stated to Trustee Waite that it just feels like coming
28 home to be here. Trustee Waite stated that the gentleman is a very personable guy. If you get
29 over that way take the time to welcome him to the neighborhood.

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31 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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33 **Nomination of Howard O. Robinson to Fill Vacancy of the Expiring Term for Trustee**
34 **Shirley Nale (Expiring Second Regular Meeting in April 2017)** – Village President Meyers-
35 Martin stated due to the Resignation of our Trustee, Shirley Nale, we have had a vacancy on the
36 dais. It has been an interesting journey to bring this recommendation in terms of an Appointment
37 to fill that vacancy. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she apologized to Victor
38 Blackwell, because the evening that his name was up for nomination it was a long, long meeting.
39 He and his family sat here. It was really unfortunate and quite inconsiderate that he was put
40 through that. He has withdrawn his name from the running. Village President Meyers-Martin
41 stated that she then proceeded to interview additional Candidates, even though she had
42 interviewed Candidates previously for the other two vacancies that had come about on this
43 Board. She stated that it was very interesting.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated to all of the Candidates that she interviewed, that every
46 single person that she spoke with was genuinely committed and enthusiastic about serving on
47 this Board, quite qualified, a lot of talent, and a lot of skills. She stated that it was very difficult

1 to come up with a recommendation that she thought would be an asset to the Board. It was very
2 difficult because there were so many good Candidates. She thanked everyone that came in and
3 spoke with her. She stated that we did that in like a marathon session. Village President Meyers-
4 Martin apologized for the length of time it has taken her. She wanted to be sure.

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6 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has a Nomination today.

7 **As Village President, I would like to Affirm my Appointment of Howard O. Robinson to**
8 **Fill the Vacant Trustee Seat (Formerly held by Shirley Nale) with a Term Ending at the**
9 **Conclusion of the Second Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees in April 2017,**
10 **Immediately Prior to the Adjournment by Sine Die (Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1,**
11 **Section 2-25); and I respectfully request a Motion of my Fellow Board Members to**
12 **Confirm my Appointment.**

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14 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Byrd to Accept and Confirm the**
15 **Appointment of the Village President of Howard O. Robinson as a Village of Olympia**
16 **Fields Board of Trustee Member to Fill the Vacant Trustee Seat (Formerly held by Shirley**
17 **Nale) with a Term Ending at the Conclusion of the Second Regular Meeting of the Board of**
18 **Trustees in April 2017, Immediately Prior to the Adjournment by Sine Die (Chapter 2,**
19 **Article II, Division 1, Section 2-25).**

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

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated congratulations and welcome to Howard Robinson our
23 soon to be Trustee. (There was a round of applause). She stated that we will have the swearing-
24 in at our next Board Meeting which is Tuesday, October 11th.

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26 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Robinson if he would introduce his wife. Mr. Robinson stated that
27 this is my lovely wife, my right-hand, my left-hand, my support, Deborah Robinson. (There was
28 a round of applause). Mr. Robinson stated for those that don't know who he is, he is Howard
29 Robinson. He appreciates everybody's support.

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31 Mr. Robinson thanked Village President Meyers-Martin and the Board of Trustees for their
32 belief. He promises not to let you down. He promises to fulfill the duties of this office until his
33 term has expired. He plans to do all that he can for the residents of Olympia Fields. He stated just
34 give him that opportunity and he won't let you down. Thank you. (There was a round of
35 applause).

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37 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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39 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to adjourn at 7:53 P.M.**

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

41 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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