

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on September 27, 2010**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 27, 2010,
6 at the Olympia Fields Village Hall. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
7 Administrator Mekarski called the roll in the absence of the Village Clerk.

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9 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Nale that in the absence of President**
10 **Linzey Jones, Trustee Meyers-Martin be appointed President Pro Tem for this**
11 **evening's meeting.**

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

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14 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington and Nale
15 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin
16 Village Administrator, David Mekarski

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18 Absent: President Jones
19 Village Clerk, Judi Rangel

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21 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. President Pro
22 Tem Meyers-Martin stated that Administrator Mekarski previously called the roll. She
23 did not believe that it was necessary for him to do that again for attendance.

24 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver that the Board takes leave**
25 **of the previous vote.**

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

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28 **MINUTES:**

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30 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to dispense with the**
31 **reading of the Minutes of September 13, 2010.**

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

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34 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Minutes of**
35 **September 13, 2010, as presented.**

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

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38 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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40 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval totaling
41 \$143,524.16. President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that there is a Cover Memo in the
42 Board Packet explaining the more important bills.

43 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to approve the payment of**
44 **bills for September 27, 2010, in the total amount of \$143,524.16.**

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

1 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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3 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:08 P.M.

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5 **Lights at the Intersection of 207th and Western Avenue** – Mr. Pat Collier, President of
6 the Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association stated that they have been having a
7 problem for many years in their area. The problem is the lights at the intersection of 207th
8 and Western Avenue. The Homeowners Association has not been able to gather the funds
9 necessary to take care of this matter. Mr. Collier stated that at night you cannot find the
10 intersection because there is not sufficient light there to see it. He stated that the whole
11 thing is about visibility and public safety. Last year the light was out and Public Works
12 placed a flashing marker out there so that people could find the intersection. The
13 overhead light that is located at the intersection cannot be seen from a distance. It is a
14 recessed light and the light shines directly down. You don't see the light until it is too
15 late, and when you put your brakes on you take the risk of getting rear ended. He stated
16 that we need a light that can be seen from several blocks down the road, so that you can
17 monitor your speed in getting to the intersection.

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19 Mr. Collier suggested putting lights on the posts where the street intersects with Western
20 Avenue. He stated that coming from either direction you cannot see the intersection. He
21 suggested that the Board Members drive down to 207th at night from either 211th Street or
22 from Vollmer. He suggested that the Village check with the police department to find out
23 whether or not there have been accidents at that location. Mr. Collier stated that it is a
24 safety hazard there.

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26 Trustee Oliver agreed with the statements made by Mr. Collier. Trustee Oliver stated that
27 if you are traveling south, and you are about to make that west corner turn, there is a little
28 ditch and if you turn too quickly you will mess up your car. He stated that it is pretty
29 ragged in the dividing grassy area there. Trustee Oliver stated that some work was being
30 done on the drainage ditch in that area, and there are rocks there that should have been
31 swept up. The rocks create an additional hazard. Trustee Oliver was going to talk to Mr.
32 Alexa about that. Trustee Oliver inquired of Mr. Collier what the cost might be as a result
33 of the research that was done by the Homeowners Association.

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35 Mr. Collier stated that four or five years ago, the Homeowners Association researched
36 this matter and at that time the cost would be between \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00. He
37 stated that at one time there were gaslights on the pillars located there. Over time the gas
38 lines deteriorated and it is no longer feasible to use gaslights there. The lights would have
39 to be electric. The problem is where to get the line from, and how do we get it to either
40 side of the street. There was discussion on bringing the line in off of one of the homes
41 that is there and have a separate meter. That would involve boring under the street.

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43 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Collier if the Homeowners
44 Association obtained their information directly from ComEd. Mr. Collier stated that he
45 believes that they had an electrician come out and look into the matter.

1 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Beautification Committee looked at this several years ago.
2 At that time, the Beautification Committee received information from the Homeowners
3 Association, and it was determined that the gas lamps could not be used any longer. Any
4 lighting in that location would have to be electrical.

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6 Trustee Ormsby believes that this is an issue for the Village because it is dangerous and
7 you can't find the street. She is not in favor of fixing the two lamps. She is in favor of
8 fixing the problem. Trustee Ormsby believes that the matter should be looked into by the
9 Village Engineer to find out what is involved and what the cost would be.

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11 It was the consensus of the Board that Administrator Mekarski would contact Baxter &
12 Woodman and have them prepare an evaluation. Administrator Mekarski will also
13 contact the State Highway Department.

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15 Trustee Oliver stated that it is his hope that we explore not just the safety of the corner
16 but the aesthetics of that corner as well. It is a major thoroughfare going through the
17 Village from Western Avenue. He stated that we need a nice entryway there. He did not
18 know how much that would cost. Trustee Ormsby stated that would be a separate issue.
19 Trustee Oliver stated that if you are looking at the lighting, and possibly changing where
20 the two lights currently are, maybe if something else goes in there, it should provide
21 something in terms of aesthetics so that during the holidays Olympia Fields East will
22 have something to let people know that they have entered Olympia Fields East just like
23 everyone else does. He stated that it is something to consider.

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25 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin inquired of Administrator Mekarski if the Board
26 would be able to have the information from Baxter & Woodman and the State Highway
27 Department prior to the Board Meeting on October 11th. Administrator Mekarski stated
28 that the Board could have the information from Baxter & Woodman prior to the next
29 Board Meeting. He will make the calls to the State Highway Department, but he can't
30 guarantee that they will get back to the Village on this matter prior to the next Board
31 Meeting. He will speak to the State Highway Department about changing the fixture on
32 the existing pole as an interim measure. Mr. Collier stated that won't solve the problem.

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34 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Village Engineers, Baxter & Woodman, need to look at
35 the situation and inform the Board on what it is going to take to fix it, and how much it
36 will cost. At this point, they are looking for a way to easily get into that street for the
37 emergency vehicles.

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39 Mr. Collier inquired of the Board if the matter could be removed from the Agenda of the
40 Homeowners Association since they can't afford to fix it, and since it is a public safety
41 issue it is more of a Village matter.

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43 Trustee Gibson stated that since it is a thoroughfare it should be well lighted so that
44 people can find their way and they don't create accidents, or go down the street the
45 wrong way. As far as placing anything decorative there, the Village has not done that for
46 the other Homeowners Associations.

1 Administrator Mekarski suggested holding off on removing the item from the Agenda of
2 the Homeowners Association, until the Village gets a response from the State Highway
3 Department and from Baxter & Woodman.

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5 Trustee Ormsby stated that she appreciates Mr. Collier being diligent on this. He has been
6 before the Board on prior occasions regarding this matter. She knows that this is an issue
7 and it needs the Board's attention. Mr. Collier thanked the Board.

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9 **Welcome to Larry Green** – Trustee Gibson stated that she wanted to recognize Mr.
10 Larry Green who is sitting in the audience. She stated that we are very happy to see him
11 here. He has been in their prayers. She stated that we are happy to see you up and about.
12 She wanted Mr. Green to know that we will continue to be here if you need us. Mr. Green
13 thanked Trustee Gibson. President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin closed Communications and
14 Petitions at 7:24 P.M.

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16 **FINANCE:**

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18 **2010-2011 Health Insurance Renewal** – Trustee Pennington stated that he did not have
19 a financial presentation this evening. He stated that he would speak about the Village's
20 Health Insurance renewal. In the Board Packet is a Memorandum from Cynthia Saenz the
21 Director of Finance and Administration. The Memorandum outlines the Health Program
22 for the Village for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The enrollment period begins in October.
23 The Village received a quote from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois which is the
24 Village's current insurance carrier. The Village also received proposals from United
25 Healthcare and Humana. The Blue Cross/Blue Shield proposal is a 21.5% increase over
26 last year. The proposals submitted from United Healthcare and Humana are not hard
27 costs that the Village can rely on. They would have to come in and do a full-blown
28 analysis of the Village's current program.

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30 Trustee Pennington stated that the Village has budgeted for a 15% increase. He stated
31 that this is a 6.5% increase across the board for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois. The
32 actuaries of these companies have looked at all of their programs. They are taking into
33 consideration the Obama Healthcare Initiative. As a result of that, they are making sure
34 that their reserves are adequate to take care of those claims that will be coming in from
35 President Obama's Healthcare Plan. It is expected that the Village would have a rate
36 increase. It is good that the Village had the foresight to budget 15% so that the Village's
37 net outlay is 6.5%.

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39 Trustee Pennington stated that we have some initiatives that we are talking about. Trustee
40 Pennington stated that President Jones asked him to reach out to Trustee Nale to be a part
41 of this program, as well as the Finance Committee. They are looking at alternative ways
42 to lower the costs. The only plan that they can do that with is Blue Cross/Blue Shield of
43 Illinois. The insurance broker recommended that due to the Village's history, and given
44 the types of claims that they have been paying out on, that the Village stay with Blue
45 Cross/Blue Shield. Trustee Pennington stated that Blue Cross/Blue Shield is the preferred
46 carrier of the Village's employees. Trustee Pennington stated that it is his

1 recommendation that the Village pursue the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Program and give
2 leave to Director Saenz to proceed with finalizing that program.

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4 Trustee Ormsby stated that she thought that last year the Village had a very small
5 increase from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Trustee Pennington stated that last year there was
6 a 6% increase. Trustee Ormsby stated that the 21% gives the Village the best quality for
7 the best insurance coverage for the Village's employees. Trustee Ormsby inquired if the
8 contribution in all Villages is 80% and employees 20%. Trustee Pennington stated that
9 the Village has an 80/20 Plan. Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Pennington if the
10 Municipalities decide what the contribution will be from the Village and the employees.
11 Trustee Pennington stated that the Municipalities decide that. Trustee Ormsby stated that
12 if the cost keeps increasing, the Village can change the contribution. Trustee Pennington
13 stated that it could. They are looking at initiatives to mitigate those costs. They are
14 looking into possibly providing a Health Safety Account for the employees. The
15 employee could use those funds to pay off their medical bills. The Village is picking up
16 the cost of the Dental Plan. There is no adequate coverage under the Guardian Plan for
17 the dental. By adding the dental onto this, it brought the cost up a little bit. The
18 significant cost is the Actuarial Studies that went in to make sure that the Blue
19 Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois reserves are adequate for the Village's particular program.

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21 A vote was taken to determine whether or not it was the consensus of the Board that it
22 wanted to proceed with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Program for the Village employees.

23 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0)**

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25 **BUILDING:**

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27 Trustee Ormsby stated that she did not have a formal report this evening.

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29 **PLANNING:**

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31 **Diversity Dinner Attendance Updates** - Trustee Gibson stated that she had Diversity
32 Dinner Attendance Updates on the Agenda because it has changed a little bit. She
33 believes that the Trustees know the procedure for her Budget and the representation of
34 that area. She stated that it is determined during Budget time how much money will be
35 needed in order to facilitate, and be a part of many of the functions that goes on in our
36 area. Diversity, Inc. is one of the main functions. The Board did not know what the cost
37 of the tickets would be during the Budget Process, but \$1,350.00 was budgeted for
38 Diversity, Inc. It is then determined how many Trustees will be attending the event along
39 with their significant others, as well as the Village President, and the Village
40 Administrator. There are two tables this year, which are 20 seats. Once the number of
41 tickets has been determined from those individuals, it is then opened up to Commissions
42 or Committees. Trustee Gibson tries to get different people every year. But she invites the
43 Enhancement Organization and the Community Relations Commission. One individual
44 was not satisfied that not all of the Community Relations Commission members were
45 invited, which they can't since first preference goes to the Board and their significant
46 others. She stated that the tickets are \$70.00 each. If you buy one table they drop to

1 \$60.00 each. So one table is \$600.00 and if you have two tables it is \$1,200.00. The
2 Board budgeted \$1,350.00 so they were able to accommodate two more people on the
3 Community Relations Commission without having to find extra money.

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5 Trustee Gibson stated that there is another item in the Administrative Budget to
6 accommodate Board Members and the Village Administrator for being a part of things
7 that may go on in other Villages. It has to be approved by the Board. The Board has
8 already used part of that. One item has been put into that. There are seven months to go in
9 the Fiscal Year. She stated that the Board should not go into that fund, unless there is a
10 Board Member that is going to represent the Village at an activity being held by another
11 Village. Trustee Gibson stated that they were trying to see if they needed to find more
12 funds for more people. As it stands now, the Board budgeted \$1,350.00 for Diversity, Inc.
13 and there is enough money to accommodate all of the people who are going.

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15 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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17 Trustee Oliver stated that he did not have a formal report this evening.

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19 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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21 **Authorization for Payment – 3x6 Portable Holiday Banner for the Choral Sing-A-**
22 **Long** – Trustee Nale stated that she would like to request \$70.00 to purchase a banner for
23 our annual Choral Sing-A-Long. The annual Choral Sing-A-Long will be held at the
24 203rd Street Station this year. The banner would be put up in the tunnel between the
25 Olympia Fields Post Office and the Olympia Fields Country Club. They would like
26 something on the banner identifying that the Village of Olympia Fields is sponsoring the
27 event. They pass out candy to the passengers as they are disembarking from the trains and
28 they wish everyone “Happy Holidays.” A choral group from the local area is there to sing
29 while the passengers are disembarking from the trains. Trustee Nale stated that she will
30 check with the police and with Metra to make sure that the banner is acceptable. The
31 Board will receive a drawing of what will be on the banner.

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33 Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Nale if she had the money in the Budget for this.
34 Trustee Nale stated that she did have the money in the Budget for this.

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36 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Nale if she wanted to put the banner up for the
37 month of December. Trustee Nale stated that she just wanted the banner up for the day of
38 the Choral Sing-A-Long and it will be taken down at the end of the event.

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40 Trustee Oliver inquired of Trustee Nale if she would be using the banner every year.
41 Trustee Nale stated that she would be using the banner year after year.

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43 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Nale where the banner would hang
44 in the tunnel. Trustee Nale stated that the banner will hang in the area where everybody
45 comes down from the train, and you can either turn to go towards the Country Club or
46 turn to go towards the Post Office. The banner will be in that area there. The Carolers

1 will be in the tunnel at the bottom of the stairs towards the Country Club side. They
2 would like to sing outdoors where the Post Office is in the area that Metra owns. But the
3 area is full of snow from shoveling out the parking lot of the Post Office at that time of
4 the year, and there is nowhere to stand.

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6 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Nale what the banner was going to say. Trustee Nale
7 stated that they don't know yet. It will say something about Olympia Fields. Trustee
8 Ormsby inquired of Trustee Nale if she wanted the banner up the month of December to
9 advertise the event. Trustee Nale stated that she didn't know if Metra would agree to that.
10 Trustee Oliver stated that the banner will probably cover the advertisements that are at
11 the bottom of the stairs, and they would need approval from Metra to cover those. Trustee
12 Nale stated that they need Metra's approval. Trustee Oliver inquired of Trustee Nale as to
13 the number of Carolers that will be present. Trustee Nale stated that there are usually ten.

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15 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin and Trustee Oliver expressed concern for the safety of
16 the Carolers, due to the huge wave of people disembarking from the trains during the rush
17 hour times. Trustee Nale stated that she understands their concerns, but they tried this
18 once before and it worked out fine. The Carolers stand way back so the commuters can
19 turn either way very easily. Trustee Pennington stated that the majority of the commuters
20 will be making a right-hand turn. Trustee Pennington stated that since there are ten
21 Carolers, they could be positioned five in front and five in back. Trustee Nale stated that
22 they will be positioned towards the Country Club side.

23
24 Trustee Pennington stated that he would follow-up with Metra on this. He stated that he
25 would see if he could get an extension of time from Metra for the banner to hang up a
26 little while longer. Trustee Gibson stated that unless there is a date on the banner, it
27 wouldn't have to be there earlier. Trustee Ormsby was under the impression that the
28 banner was an advertisement for the event. Trustee Nale stated that she doesn't want the
29 banner to hang there for any period of time. Trustee Gibson stated that you really want
30 them to know who is sponsoring this event. Trustee Nale stated that is correct.

31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to authorize the Finance**
32 **Department to purchase a 3x6 Portable Holiday Banner to be used each year in**
33 **December on the date for the Choral Sing-A-Long at the 203rd Street and/or 211th**
34 **Street Metra Station. The cost of the banner should not exceed \$70.00; with said**
35 **funds from Account #01414170.**

36 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0)**

Motion Carried.

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38 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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40 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have a formal report this
41 evening.

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43 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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45 **Ordinance #2010-15** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the first order of business is
46 **Ordinance #2010-15** – An Ordinance amending Section 14-41, “211th Street Metra

1 Parking Lot,” of the Olympia Fields Village Code. Administrator Mekarski stated that
2 Judge Crusor brought to the Board’s attention a technical omission in the Village’s Code
3 Book. The Code Book provided enforcement authority for parking, pedestrians, and also
4 advertisements to the 211th Street Station but it did not include the 203rd Street Station. In
5 the Board Packet is the proposed amendment that was prepared by the Village Attorney.
6 The Village will now have full enforcement authority for both parking lots.

7 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to waive First Reading and**
8 **approve in Second Reading Ordinance 2010-15 – An Ordinance Amending Section**
9 **14-41, “211th Street Metra Parking Lot,” of the Olympia Fields Village Code.**

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

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12 **Resolution #2010-06** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the next item is Resolution
13 #2010-06 – A Resolution calling for the evaluation of certain subdivision private roads to
14 be dedicated to the Village of Olympia Fields as public rights-of-way. Administrator
15 Mekarski stated that this is a complete redraft of Ordinance 2010-06 that was presented at
16 the last Board Meeting. The Board was moving towards authorizing Baxter & Woodman
17 to do full due diligence in preparing legal Plats of Dedication. There was an expense in
18 the neighborhood of \$42,000.00 for the three subdivisions to achieve that objective. The
19 Resolution is an interim step towards the future goal of dedicating all four of these
20 private roadways, Wysteria, the Green Townhomes, Lakes of Olympia, and Oak Lane.

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22 Administrator Mekarski stated that this Resolution expresses that the Board intends to
23 dedicate these, and the Board further authorizes the Village Attorney and the Village
24 Administrator to begin working a process to develop Maintenance Agreements with the
25 respective four subdivisions, whereby even prior to a final process for dedication, the
26 Board would enter into Maintenance Agreements with the Homeowners Associations to
27 take over the responsibility for snowplowing, repaving, or any other maintenance issues.
28 Each of the four subdivisions has some unique processes that have to be worked out to
29 finalize a Plat of Dedication. The Village Attorney and the Village Administrator would
30 have to meet with the respective Homeowners Associations to achieve that. In the interim
31 period, the Resolution states that it is the express intent of the Board to dedicate these as
32 private roads, and the Board is authorizing its Administrative Team to begin negotiating
33 and draft the Maintenance Agreements which will be forthcoming in the October or
34 November Meetings.

35 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve Resolution No.**
36 **2010-06 – A Resolution calling for the evaluation of certain subdivision private**
37 **roads to be dedicated to the Village of Olympia Fields as public rights-of-way;**
38 **authorizing the Village Administrator to forward a copy of said Resolution to the**
39 **four (4) Homeowner Associations effected by this Policy.**

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41 Trustee Pennington inquired if the Board has taken into consideration the costs associated
42 with taking on this. Administrator Mekarski stated that would be a part of the process
43 when he brings the Maintenance Agreements to the Board. There would be a report.

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45 Trustee Pennington asked that Administrator Mekarski have Don Theobald take a look at
46 that as well as the Director of Public Works. Administrator Mekarski stated that Don

1 Theobald and the Director of Public Works would take a look at it. They would also have
2 a cursory review by Baxter & Woodman.

3 **Roll Call: Ayes (4) Recusal by Trustee Gibson Motion Carried.**

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5 **Status Report – Comprehensive Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Graymoor**
6 **Lift Station Flow Monitoring and Pump Capacity** – Administrator Mekarski stated
7 that the engineering response to the questions on the Sanitary Sewer Program that were to
8 be responded to this evening, will be postponed until the meeting on October 11th. Ken
9 Budwash from Robinson Engineering is out of town and he would like to make a formal
10 presentation at that meeting. Mr. Budwash had requested that the matter be tabled and
11 President Jones concurred with that.

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13 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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15 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have a report this evening in the
16 absence of President Jones.

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18 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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20 **Repairs at the 211th Street Metra Station** – Trustee Nale inquired that when the repairs
21 commence at the 211th Street Metra Station how will the people traveling by car on
22 Olympian Way get through that area, especially at business hours. She was wondering if
23 traffic would be congested there, or if they would have to close that road.

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25 Trustee Pennington stated that there should be no issue with regard to traffic flow on
26 Olympian Way because all of the staging of the equipment will be on the far end of the
27 parking lot. Trustee Nale stated that there would be trucks coming in and out onto
28 Olympian Way. She inquired if that would cause any interference with travel times.

29 Trustee Pennington stated that it may have its moments. They are not closing down
30 Olympian Way. He stated that the type of movement that will be needed by those trucks
31 won't be occurring at the height of rush hour.

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33 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that once the work begins, and the Village has a
34 chance to observe what the traffic flow is going to be and what interruptions will occur,
35 she believes that Public Safety could step in at certain points of the day and control traffic
36 if it is warranted. She stated that they do that sometimes at 203rd Street if there is a
37 problem with the traffic flow. Trustee Nale stated that she was just checking ahead of
38 time.

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40 Trustee Pennington stated that he would follow-up with the Metra Project Engineer on
41 this project. He will advise Trustee Nale and the Board.

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1 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: (CONTINUED)**

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3 **Evaluation Process for the Olympia Fields Park District** – Administrator Mekarski
4 stated that he forgot to mention during his report that this morning there was a meeting
5 with himself, Trustee Ormsby, Trustee Oliver, Senator Crotty, and two community
6 leaders, one from Ingalls and one from the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District. They
7 had the opportunity to participate in an evaluation process being conducted by a
8 Professional Consultant for the Olympia Fields Park District. The meeting lasted an hour
9 and a half. It was an evaluation of programs, policies, and facilities. It was a very candid
10 communication. No members of the Parks and Recreation Staff or Board Members were
11 present. Eight or nine questions were asked by the Consultant. They are in the process of
12 developing a full evaluation of their program. They will share those findings with the
13 Village. They will be preparing a survey which will go out to the Homeowners
14 Associations and the residents of the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated that he and
15 the other Trustees in attendance thought it was very positive and exciting.

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17 Trustee Oliver stated that they are seriously interested in speaking with the Homeowners
18 Associations. That was a recommendation that came up and they thought it was a great
19 idea because it would give them a greater sense of what is going on in the respective
20 communities. They will be looking forward to meeting with the Presidents of the
21 Homeowners Associations.

22
23 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Consultant is going to bring back to the Park District their
24 suggestion that they meet with the Presidents of the Homeowners Associations. She
25 stated that it was candid. Trustee Ormsby stated what she thought some of the issues were
26 and Trustee Oliver brought some really good points forward.

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28 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin inquired if there were going to be any subsequent
29 meetings. Trustee Ormsby stated that they asked about that. The Park District will be
30 sharing the results of the survey with the Village. Trustee Gibson stated that it was her
31 understanding that they had at least two dates setup for that. One was in the morning and
32 one was in the evening. Trustee Ormsby stated that the Park District hired the Consultant.
33 The Park District will get a lot of input from her. Administrator Mekarski stated that he
34 will find out about the evening meeting and send a Memorandum to the Board.

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37 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (CONTINUED)**

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39 **Surveys on the Retail for 211th Street** – President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin inquired of
40 Administrator Mekarski how the surveys were going on the Retail for 211th Street.
41 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Survey results came in this morning. He didn't
42 have a chance to look at them. They have asked the Consultants to extend them to
43 October 30th. A postcard is going out this week to the Village residents encouraging them
44 to complete the Surveys. He stated that he could send the results to the Board tomorrow.

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46 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that she knew the initial results were very low.

1 Trustee Gibson stated that on Saturday there were about 30 people at the Wysteria
2 Homeowners Association Meeting. She encouraged everyone at the meeting to go on the
3 website and make their thoughts known.

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5 **Naming of the Park Forest Side of the Metra Station** – Trustee Gibson inquired if the
6 naming of the Park Forest side of the Metra Station has been resolved yet. Trustee
7 Pennington stated that it has not.

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9 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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11 **Ash Tree Borer Hits Olympia Fields** – Trustee Ormsby stated that there are four Ash
12 Trees at the entryway of The Trails that will have to come down. They have the Ash Tree
13 Borer and they will not survive. Trustee Ormsby told the Building Commissioner to get a
14 hold of the President of the Homeowners Association in order for them to try to take
15 advantage of the Tree Program. She stated that those are all great trees that could be used
16 to replace the Ash Trees. Trustee Gibson stated that she thought it was the four trees right
17 across on Governors in the island. Trustee Ormsby stated that if all four of those trees are
18 infected then all of the trees will be infected. Trustee Ormsby stated that she held four
19 trees in case they want to use them to replace the four Ash Trees. President Pro Tem
20 Meyers-Martin thanked her for doing that. She will pass that information along and have
21 someone get back to Trustee Ormsby.

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23 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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25 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that she does not have any Resignations or
26 Appointments.

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28 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: - To Discuss Matters of Personnel under 5 ILCS**
29 **120/2(c)(1) –**

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31 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to go into Executive**
32 **Session to discuss matters of personnel under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at 8:04 P.M.**

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

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35 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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37 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to return to Open Session at**
38 **8:54 P.M.**

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

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41 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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43 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to adjourn at 8:54 P.M.**

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

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46 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**