



1 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Trustee Hudson to take her seat on the dais. (There was a  
2 round of applause and a standing ovation).

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are going to continue on our Agenda to  
5 Communications and Petitions. That doesn't take very long. We are going to approve our  
6 Minutes. Then we will break for a small reception out in the foyer. We will break for about 10  
7 minutes. Everyone is welcome to come back into the Board Meeting if they would like to. She  
8 stated that we must continue with our meeting. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we  
9 certainly want to take this opportunity to celebrate our newest Trustee, Trustee Willet Hudson,  
10 and welcome her to the Board of Trustees for the beautiful, wonderful, Village of Olympia  
11 Fields. She thanked everyone for being here. (There was a round of applause).

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13 **MINUTES:**

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15 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Oliver to suspend with the reading of the**  
16 **Minutes of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.**

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

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19 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve the Minutes of September**  
20 **23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, as amended.**

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

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23 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval in the amount of  
26 \$230,178.86. She stated that there is a Cover Memo in the Board Packet designating the more  
27 significant payouts.

28 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment of Bills for**  
29 **October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in the total amount of \$230,178.86.**

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

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32 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that before we move to Communications and Petitions  
33 she wanted to make an Amendment to the Agenda under "Resignations and Appointments." She  
34 stated that she would like to appoint Trustee Hudson to the Beautification Committee as the  
35 Liaison and also to Building. She will be bringing that up under Resignations and Appointments  
36 which is Number 16 on the Agenda.

37 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve that Amendment of the**  
38 **Agenda.**

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

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41 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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43 Village President Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:12 P.M. There  
44 were members of the public in the audience; however no one wished to address the Board.  
45 Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:13 P.M.

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1 **At 7:13 P.M. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will take a small break for**  
2 **our reception.**

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4 **Village President Meyers-Martin reconvened the Board Meeting at 7:33 P.M.**

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6 **FINANCE:**

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8 **August 2013 Financial Statements** - Trustee Byrd stated that tonight he will give the Financial  
9 Report for the month of August. On the first page is the Revenue and Expenses for the month of  
10 August. In the General Fund the Village budgeted \$821,100.54. The Village fell short of that  
11 Budget amount by \$46,526.00. The actual for the General Fund was \$774,574.37.

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13 Trustee Byrd stated that the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund exceeded the expected Budget for  
14 the month of August. The Water Fund exceeded approximately \$21,282.00 over this Budget  
15 amount. The Sewer Fund exceeded \$3,527.00 over this Budget amount. He stated that  
16 \$158,832.92 was budgeted for the Water Fund. The Village actually received \$180,115.03. He  
17 stated that he wasn't going to read all the numbers. If anyone has any questions they can ask him  
18 those questions when he is done with the report.

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20 Trustee Byrd stated that if you look at the graph, the Village just fell short in the General Fund  
21 for the month of August. As far as the Expenses, in all three categories it was less than what was  
22 budgeted which is good. In the General Fund the Village budgeted \$595,189.89 for Expenses.  
23 The Village spent \$594,903.01. It was \$286.00 less. In the Water Fund the Village budgeted  
24 \$122,117.12 for Expenses. The Village spent \$112,217.48. In the Sewer Fund the Village  
25 budgeted \$52,762.29 for Expenses. The Village spent \$49,378.98.

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27 Trustee Byrd stated that on Page 2 at the top it shows the Current Month Surplus and Deficit. He  
28 stated that Surplus and Deficit you are only talking about Revenue to Expenses. In the General  
29 Fund the Village budgeted \$225,910.65. The actual was \$179,671.36. The Village was  
30 \$46,239.00 under what it had budgeted. The Water Fund and the Sewer Fund were on the  
31 positive side on their Budget. It was in line and above line on the Budgets there. He stated that  
32 \$31,000.00 was additional for the Water Fund. He stated that \$7,000.00 was the additional on the  
33 net for the Sewer Fund.

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35 Trustee Byrd stated that at the bottom of Page 2 it lists the Year to Date Surplus and Deficit. It is  
36 your Fiscal Year Revenue to your Expenses. In the General Fund the Budget was \$78,987.23,  
37 which is where we should be at in our Budget as of August. We are actually at \$158,488.04. We  
38 are short approximately \$79,000.00 in reaching that Budget amount. In the Water Fund the  
39 Budget amount was \$269,774.20. The actual is \$168,263.60. The General Fund, Water Fund and  
40 Sewer Fund as of August are still in the negative source right here. The last page shows you how  
41 the Village has been doing since May. There was a big dip in the General Fund in June. He  
42 stated that on the whole we are on an uphill climb to meet our Budget which is definitely a  
43 positive thing. He stated that as long as we continue to climb he sees no reason why the Village  
44 cannot meet its Budget at the end of the year.

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46 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she just wanted to clarify for the audience that we  
47 are talking Fiscal Year and not calendar year. Trustee Byrd stated Fiscal Year, that is correct.

1 **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Treasurer’s Report – Village Treasurer Don Theobald** – Mr. Theobald stated  
2 that he plans to cover the Treasurer’s Report as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. He stated that the last page of  
3 Trustee Byrd’s Report is the page that he would be looking at very closely all of the time. It  
4 gives you a very good trend line in connection with accurate month by month data. He stated that  
5 if you are in a hurry, you want to look at that sheet.

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7 Mr. Theobald stated that in the Board Packet is the Treasurer’s Report. The first page is a pie  
8 chart. It reflects all of the bank deposits of the Village. The pie itself represents as a percentage  
9 the share of the total money in the bank that each of the institutions has. The bottom table  
10 represents that same information by whole dollars. In the top portion the majority of the funds  
11 are either in the IMET and/or the Illinois Funds. Approximately, 60% of the Village’s Funds are  
12 in that source. His team looks at the information month in, month out. They look at the bank  
13 deposits and the monies that are held in the Illinois Funds and IMET and they assess it for its  
14 security. They do an analysis that shows each of the banks, whether the money is insured and/or  
15 collateralized. That tracking indicates that all money is either insured and/or collateralized.

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17 Mr. Theobald stated that because the Illinois Funds and IMET are slightly different, they make  
18 sure that the S&P assesses them just like they do us, and both of those funds are AAA Rated.  
19 The money in both of those funds is adequately secured.

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21 Mr. Theobald stated that the next chart represents the book balances or the General Ledger  
22 Balances of each of the funds. There is a slight modification made to that. He stated for example,  
23 if Fund Number 6, “Oak Lane Special Service Area” has zero money in the bank it will most  
24 likely have a liability to or from one of the other funds. They look at the bank in conjunction  
25 with the fund balance that is due back and forth to look at the total position. That is why you can  
26 get to a negative number. There aren’t negative balances in any of the bank accounts. It is just  
27 when you add the Interfund Loan that might cause it to go negative. The previous page with the  
28 vertical bar chart shows a graphic of those fund balances. It includes cash and Interfund  
29 Balances. Mr. Theobald stated that as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, the Village has \$7,160,327.00 in collective  
30 money in the bank.

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32 Trustee Oliver stated that as long as he can remember, these are the same banks the Village has  
33 been doing business with. Trustee Oliver inquired of Mr. Theobald whether or not the Village is  
34 getting the biggest bang for its buck in terms of the interest rate on these dollars in these banks.

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36 Mr. Theobald stated that is a great question. He wanted to make a comment before he answered  
37 Trustee Oliver’s question. He stated that Charter One is a bank that the Village is moving out of.  
38 Charter One has selected in their strategy not to work with local governmental bodies. That  
39 balance has declined. It is still at \$515,502.00. That will be heading to zero as soon as Cindy can  
40 work through that.

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42 Mr. Theobald stated that as far as the interest rate, he knows that there is not a real focus on that  
43 because the interest rate on these deposits is virtually nil. The focus is on security and the  
44 collateral that he mentioned. The Village has been vested in the Illinois Funds and the IMET for  
45 a purpose because those do provide much better return than the banks would on their invested  
46 balances. They are always monitoring that by keeping most of the money in the IMET and the  
47 Illinois Funds.

1 Trustee Waite stated that in order to get a bigger return you have to take more risks. He stated  
2 that we don't want to take a lot of risks with our constituents' money. Trustee Waite inquired of  
3 Mr. Theobald whether or not that is the reason why.

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5 Mr. Theobald stated that is a common thread when you look at any institution like this. We want  
6 to put forth security first. He stated that once you are adequately secured and you are  
7 comfortable with the security, then you do try to maximize whatever return you can get in this  
8 environment today, which is fairly insignificant.

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10 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that with Illinois Funds, she knows that in the last couple  
11 of days they were at .010. She inquired of Mr. Theobald whether or not he has seen a trend in  
12 terms of them rising at all.

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14 Mr. Theobald stated no, he can't say that he has. It is bleak across the line. He stated that is  
15 where you can get the most return.

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17 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she knows that the benefit with Illinois Funds is that  
18 it is liquid money. You can access it at anytime and it is in a AAA Fund. Mr. Theobald stated  
19 absolutely. Trustee Byrd and Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Theobald.

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21 **BUILDING:**

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23 **Updates on Olympia Club, The Coves and The Reserves** - Village President Meyers-Martin  
24 stated that she knows that Trustee Hudson will be taking over Building. Village President  
25 Meyers-Martin stated that she spoke with John McDonnell today and he recently had a meeting  
26 with Sligo which is the Developer at Olympia Club. He had recently given back most of those  
27 properties to the bank. He just closed on a brand new home that he had built. He is taking out  
28 Permits for two more lots in Olympia Club. It seems as though the housing market is trying to  
29 turn around.

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31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that he is quite interested in The Coves which was  
32 scheduled for Vollmer Road. He wants to continue that plan to develop that property as single-  
33 family homes. She stated that we are very excited about that. It has come up from time to time  
34 about multi-family housing, condominiums, and apartment buildings. She stated that we  
35 certainly have never been of that state of mind that we wanted multi-family housing, other than  
36 the PUD which was scheduled for condominiums. She is happy that Sligo is looking at The  
37 Coves and wants to continue to develop that for single-family homes. Village President Meyers-  
38 Martin stated that we will continue to monitor that property, as well as The Reserves which is on  
39 Route 30. Harris Bank has just signed on to continue improvements at that parcel as well. She  
40 stated that things are looking up in terms of development and housing in the Village. She is very  
41 excited about that.

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43 **PLANNING:**

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45 **Financial Assistance Request from the Olympia Fields Park District for the Fall Pumpkin**  
46 **Festival in the amount of \$1,000.00** - Trustee Oliver stated that we have been having some  
47 discussions about the Olympia Fields Park District and their request of the Board for \$1,000.00

1 to assist them in their Pumpkin Fest which occurs this weekend. In the Board Packet is a request  
2 and a letter from Amanda Spiekhout, Recreation Supervisor, requesting some assistance.  
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4 Village President Meyers-Martin reminded the Trustees that at Budget time the Board did budget  
5 this \$1,000.00 for the Park District for the Pumpkin Fest. That is already in the Budget. She  
6 stated that we have had issues with the Park District in terms of their timing as it relates to them  
7 letting the Village know that they need assistance with their particular programs. According to  
8 Denise Will the Pumpkin Fest is their biggest event that they do throughout the year. Village  
9 President Meyers-Martin has stated on many, many occasions, that while the Village may not be  
10 thrilled with everything that happens at the Park District, they are the Olympia Fields Park  
11 District and we are tied to them just as they are tied to us. She would hate to see that they are not  
12 successful in their endeavors because the Village is less than enthusiastic about how they run  
13 their programs. She stated that she will open it up to the Trustees for discussion in terms of the  
14 Pumpkin Festival.  
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16 Trustee Waite stated that he sort of felt like the Village shouldn't give them anything. But then  
17 he looked at it and thought that why should we withhold the money from a successful program  
18 that attracts a lot of children that have a good time, just because we don't like the communication  
19 process that they use to get us to include their programs in our Budget.  
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21 Trustee Waite stated that he had another situation that was brought to his attention late in the  
22 day. A few days ago, in regard to the McDonald's event, they wanted to borrow 38 or 39 picnic  
23 tables. They wanted to know if we could have somebody from Public Works pick them up.  
24 Public Works stated that they could do it but the picnic tables are scattered all over the park on  
25 Western Avenue and Public Works doesn't have the staff to gather them up from all over the  
26 park. Mr. Alexa had talked to the Assistant Executive Director and inquired whether they can  
27 move the picnic tables out to the parking lot so that Public Works could pick them up off of the  
28 parking lot. Mr. Alexa was not given a satisfactory answer. He stated that it is going on  
29 Wednesday and the event is going to be held Friday night. Trustee Waite didn't have time to  
30 look into it any further. Mr. Alexa was on vacation last week so he couldn't do anything about it.  
31 Administrator Mekarski was trying to do something but he got tied up on Friday and couldn't get  
32 back to Trustee Waite with what we had decided to do. Trustee Waite stated that it is another one  
33 of those things that every time we try to have some kind of a logical get together or group project  
34 with the Park District it just turns into a quagmire.  
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36 Administrator Mekarski stated that he did speak with Denise Will today. She expressed her full  
37 commitment to partnering with us and with Randy Conn for the McDonald's event. She is down  
38 two maintenance personnel. You need at least two people to move the tables. Apparently, Eric  
39 was going to training or to a conference and wouldn't be available. We are welcome to have the  
40 picnic tables. She needs Mr. Alexa's assistance in trying to collect them. Mr. Alexa is down two  
41 laborers. We normally have an operation of five. We have three people now in the field. He  
42 stated that if the Board wants us to accomplish it we will work with the limited staff we have to  
43 pull together. He tried to see if there were any laborers from Irons Oaks. They don't retain any  
44 laborers with the Irons Oaks facility.  
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46 Trustee Waite stated that they must have a list of volunteers someplace. Most of the people that  
47 work over there are volunteers. Trustee Waite stated that the other thing is trying to get an

1 answer about who is going to be responsible for the picnic tables. He inquired what happens if  
2 we pick up 39 and deliver them and only 35 come back. Trustee Waite inquired who is  
3 responsible for those other four.

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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Park District would be. Denise Will is not concerned  
6 about the liability. She is taking that risk in the interest of putting on this community event. He  
7 stated that clearly the Village will not be held liable nor will Randy Conn. Administrator  
8 Mekarski apologized to Trustee Waite for not getting back to him on Friday. He didn't get the  
9 call from Denise Will until today.

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11 Trustee Waite stated that we need volunteers. We don't have the people and they don't have the  
12 people.

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14 Trustee Nale stated that she is in favor of the donation. She stated that as far as helping them  
15 with the picnic tables, she believes that is a little bit out of our realm of responsibility and  
16 because we are down personnel she believes that is a responsibility that the Village cannot afford  
17 to take right now.

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19 Trustee Waite stated that if they don't have the picnic tables it is likely to cause the program to  
20 fail. He stated that we also decided in addition to this \$1,000.00 for the Pumpkin Fest, \$500.00  
21 for the promotion and it will all be wasted. If we don't get the picnic tables over there, there  
22 won't be any place for anybody to sit.

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24 Administrator Mekarski stated that he would speak with Randy Conn and see if there is a  
25 possibility of having some of his employees that work with McDonald's to assist the Department  
26 of Public Works crew. They would be under his Workmen's Comp, and on the hour. They would  
27 work with our DPW crew getting the tables to the location.

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29 Trustee Nale stated that if somebody trips or falls we would probably be responsible for it. She  
30 doesn't want the Village getting into something like that.

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32 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have to solve it tomorrow. Trustee Waite inquired of  
33 Administrator Mekarski whether or not there is anything that he should do. Administrator  
34 Mekarski stated not at this point in time but we may call on you.

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36 Village President Meyers-Martin believes that since the Park District is letting Randy Conn use  
37 the picnic tables, it is a reasonable solution to have Randy Conn arrange to get them there and  
38 get them back.

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40 Trustee Gibson stated that she doesn't understand why the Village has to be the parent of every  
41 other organization within the Village. She stated that we already decided that we would help  
42 Randy Conn with this program and she believes that is good. Trustee Gibson stated that if Randy  
43 needs table it is not our responsibility. It is Randy's responsibility to connect with the Park  
44 District and find a way to get them there and get them back. She stated that it shouldn't be our  
45 Public Works Department's responsibility in the first place.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she agrees with Trustee Gibson. She stated that if  
2 the Park District is willing to let him use the tables, then he should be the one to arrange to get  
3 them to his location and to get them back. She believes that is the direction that we are trying to  
4 move with the tables. She stated that what we are trying to decide at this point is the contribution  
5 to the Pumpkin Festival.

6 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to authorize the Finance Department to**  
7 **distribute a contribution of \$1,000.00 to the Olympia Fields Park District for the Fall**  
8 **Pumpkin Festival in the amount of \$1,000.00 on October 19, 2013.**

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10 Trustee Gibson stated that she thought we already allotted \$1,000.00. Village President Meyers-  
11 Martin stated that we budgeted it but we never authorized it.

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13 Trustee Gibson stated that the only reason that she would say yes to this is because this is  
14 budgeted already. Village President Meyers-Martin stated absolutely.

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16 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not we are going to budget for it again next year. Trustee  
17 Gibson stated only if they request it.

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she doesn't believe that is part of this discussion.  
20 Trustee Waite stated that he knows it is sort of off the mark. He inquired whether or not we are  
21 in the discussion stage. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are. Trustee Waite stated  
22 that he just threw that out as a question. He doesn't care about an answer. He stated that we go  
23 through this every year. They don't ask for a Budget, or show us how they spent the money.  
24 They don't come back and tell us how good the program was after the fact. He knows that it is  
25 like shooting yourself in the foot. He stated that it just doesn't feel right.

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27 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that certainly we can take that up at Budget time.

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29 Trustee Oliver stated that as the Liaison to the Park District and having attended a number of  
30 their meetings and getting an understanding of the direction of where the Park District is going  
31 and how they want to tie into the Village, from our distance it may not seem like they are doing  
32 much to work with us but they are. They do have the best interest of this Village and the  
33 residents at heart. It may not show up in the form of timely Grant proposals and things like that.  
34 He stated that if you go out there this Saturday between 1:30 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. you will see the  
35 fruits of their labor and you will say, "I think it is a well-spent \$1,000.00." In the end it boils  
36 down to what the kids get out of this. They get a lot. He stated that whether we approve this up  
37 or down today, or next year, he believes that it should be in the Budget forever. It should be just  
38 something we do.

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40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she did call a meeting with Denise Will and Tim  
41 Bradford who is the President of the Park Board, to express the Village's concern regarding the  
42 things that they do at the Park District, the way that they operate their programs, and the way that  
43 they are maintaining their parks. She wants to let them know that the Village will partner with  
44 them but they have to hold up their end of the bargain as well. She stated that we made that clear.  
45 We will continue to have meetings with them to continue to stress that point so that maybe by the  
46 time Budget time rolls around again, we will have seen greater cooperation on their part.

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

1 Trustee Oliver stated that this past Saturday the Park District had a program called the “Perk  
2 Your Parks Day.” The premise behind that was to get residents of Olympia Fields to pick a park  
3 that is close to your residence and to help spruce it up. They were negligent in getting the  
4 information out to the Board and to the community in a timely manner in which you could get  
5 residents of the Village to come out and support such a nice program. He believes that it is  
6 important for residents to help wherever they can to spruce up the parks where they live and  
7 maintain it. Trustee Oliver stated that on Saturday, due to the lack of communication, other than  
8 Gene and Nan Broyls at Bicentennial Park there was no one that came out. Trustee Oliver  
9 worked at The Sergeant Means Park with one worker. He stated that the Board is correct; their  
10 communication could be a whole lot better. He stated that if it were, we would have a much  
11 better product in terms of how the Park District provides services to the Village’s residents. He  
12 stated that whenever these other programs come about, he is going to work harder with the Park  
13 District to see if we can get that information out as quickly as possible.

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15 Trustee Waite stated that he sent out a mass email about the program to his Homeowners  
16 Association which has 420 homes. He stated that it was so late. He inquired where is their head.  
17 What are they thinking about?

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19 Trustee Oliver stated that next year it will be better, just like the “National Night Out.” He stated  
20 that we had plenty of opportunity to get that information out. He stated that we will find a way to  
21 get the enthusiasm of the Village to assist us.

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23 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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25 **Metra Snow Removal – Approval of Bid Award and Authorization to Execute Contracts –**  
26 Trustee Waite stated that we had a number of Bids for the snow removal at Metra. The lowest  
27 and best Bid was \$13,900.00. The high Bid was double that. We budgeted a total of \$20,000.00.  
28 It looks like it is going to come in under \$14,000.00.

29 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to accept the Bid Award**  
30 **Recommendation as prepared by Joe Alexa, Public Works Director for 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Metra**  
31 **Parking Lot and 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Bike Path for Calendar Year, Trustee Waite stated that it**  
32 **must mean Fiscal Year 2013/2014 to Property Care Management in the amount, not to**  
33 **exceed \$13,900.00, which represents the lowest and best Bid; meeting all specifications as**  
34 **required under this Project; and authorize the Village President to execute all contractual**  
35 **documents.**

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37 Administrator Mekarski stated that he wanted to bring one thing to the Board’s attention. He  
38 passed out a Certificate of Liability Insurance. Trustee Byrd called Administrator Mekarski’s  
39 office early this morning and noted that it wasn’t in the Board Packet. We did have one on file  
40 because this is a contractor that is doing the spring, summer and fall maintenance of the Metra  
41 Lot. Mr. Alexa talked to Property Care Management and got the Certificate of Liability  
42 Insurance. It is renewed and upgraded to meet the specifications of the contract.

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44 Trustee Oliver inquired of Trustee Waite since Property Care Management won this contract last  
45 year, what was the difference in the contract between this year and last year. He stated that he  
46 couldn’t find it.

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1 Trustee Waite stated that he doesn't have that but it is available. He stated that there were more  
2 bidders last year than this year. It was similar to this. We had several Bids that were way up in  
3 the stratosphere. He stated that it seemed like this company knew how to Bid.  
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5 Trustee Oliver stated that he was just curious. He wondered if it was the same amount as last  
6 year or was it under what we paid last year. Trustee Waite stated that we budgeted \$20,000.00.  
7 Trustee Oliver stated that he understands what the Budget was. Trustee Waite stated that it was  
8 based on last year's cost. It was near that amount. Trustee Waite stated that we can get that.  
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10 Trustee Byrd stated that he checked the Certificate of Liability Insurance and there is no  
11 Workmen's Compensation listed on the Certificate.  
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13 Trustee Gibson inquired whether or not there is Workmen's Compensation listed on the other  
14 Certificate of Liability. Trustee Byrd stated that he assumes that it is required for the Bid. He  
15 doesn't have the specs for the Bid. He believes that it is listed on the other one.  
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17 Administrator Mekarski stated that he will check that before the contract is executed. Trustee  
18 Oliver inquired whether we need a Motion to table. Administrator Mekarski stated that you don't  
19 have to table the Motion. He stated that if the Board wants, it can amend the Motion to include a  
20 condition of filing the Workmen's Compensation Employee Liability Insurance as required  
21 under the Village's specifications.  
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23 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not bodily injury would be a Workmen's Compensation  
24 Claim. Trustee Byrd stated no it is not. He stated that Workmen's Compensation is State Law.  
25 He assumes that the person should have it in order to protect the Village. He doesn't see it  
26 marked on there. He didn't see the specs for the Bid. He stated that it should be required in case  
27 someone gets hurt out there.  
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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it is not on the copy on file as well.  
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31 Administrator Mekarski stated that the specifications that were in the Bid are included in the  
32 contract which the Village President would execute. We will not have the Village President  
33 execute it until we can verify that the Workmen's Compensation Limits are added according to  
34 specifications. He stated that if the Board wants to make that Amendment to the Motion they can  
35 do that or he will follow it up administratively.  
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37 Trustee Waite stated that he wouldn't hold it up. **Trustee Waite stated that he would just**  
38 **amend the Motion to say pending the proper proof of Workmen's Compensation Coverage.**  
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40 **Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or not that is in agreement with the**  
41 **mover and the Trustee that made the second. Trustee Oliver and Trustee Nale stated yes.**  
42 **Administrator Mekarski stated that the Motion has been amended and we can call the vote.**  
43 **Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**  
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45 **Water Distribution System Leak Survey Report** – Trustee Waite stated that the other thing  
46 that he had added to the Agenda had to do with the Water Distribution System Leak Survey  
47 Report. Trustee Waite stated that we spent approximately \$7,000.00 to check out 42-miles of

1 pipe. It is quite a sophisticated program they use. It has to do with sound. They put listening  
2 devices in the ground at various locations and triangulate. They can tell from the sound that is  
3 generated the actual rate of flow of the water that is being lost from the leak if they find one.  
4 There were a couple of leaks that the Village knew about and the one they found. Those have all  
5 been repaired. Every other year the Village has someone come and use the sound device. He  
6 believes that \$7,000.00 is pretty well-spent. Trustee Waite suggested that the Village do it every  
7 year especially with the fact that the Village's pipes are 50-years plus in age. He stated that when  
8 Budget time comes around he is going to recommend to Public Works that they include this for  
9 the next Fiscal Year.

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11 Trustee Waite stated that there was approximately 230,000 lineal feet surveyed as part of the  
12 investigation. They have a paneled van. They were able to triangulate it. In most cases they are  
13 able to come within one foot of where the leak is located. He believes that it is something that is  
14 worthwhile.

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16 Administrator Mekarski stated that he wanted to highlight for the benefit of the Board and the  
17 public, that on this particular Leak Report which was only limited to a handful of leaks, it was  
18 estimated that the Village was losing approximately \$236.00 per day which is the equivalent of  
19 \$86,314.00 annually. As Trustee Waite indicated \$7,000.00 in cost and a benefit of \$86,000.00 is  
20 well worth it.

21  
22 Trustee Waite stated that he did a rough thing to see how much water we bring in from Oak  
23 Lawn. Over the last month we brought in almost 21 million gallons of water, some of which is  
24 residential and some of which is commercial. The water rate is \$9.11. It is \$10.36 for  
25 commercial. He stated that commercial is five million gallons, and residential is 13 million  
26 gallons. He stated that of the 21 million gallons that came in from Oak Lawn, we only got paid  
27 for 18 million gallons. Trustee Waite stated that they are rough calculations that he needs to look  
28 into further. There are three million gallons missing that we didn't bill anybody for, which  
29 represents about 15%. Trustee Waite inquired whether or not 15% is about what you would  
30 expect to lose in your distribution process. He stated that even if we got paid for close to three  
31 million gallons, you are only looking at \$9,000.00 in a year's time based on what we pay for the  
32 water. It isn't like we are losing any money. He stated that he shouldn't say this because  
33 somebody is going to misinterpret it. He stated that this is gross profit. After this, are all the  
34 expenses for labor and all the rest of it. It is not what we make. He only brought it up because  
35 Administrator Mekarski brought it up. He is going to look into it further to see if there is an  
36 opportunity for the Village to save money.

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38 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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40 **Olympia Fields Library Board Report** – Trustee Nale stated that the Library Board met on  
41 September 25<sup>th</sup>. She understands that they left a collage of sunflowers for the Village to put in  
42 the hallway. Trustee Nale didn't think that it was very appropriate and it was not hung. She  
43 believes that this is what the library was trying to get across for their fall period. As far as they  
44 were concerned, they thought maybe the Village could help demonstrate and offer some  
45 assistance to the library in those regards. She felt that it was not appropriate and she decided that  
46 we should not have it done.

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1 **Teen Program** - Trustee Nale stated that they have a Teen Program that they are trying to  
2 promote in the library. They have been working on this program for several months but they lack  
3 space to have the program. They are looking for suggestions and recommendations to provide  
4 programs for the teens in the District where they can have their own activities after school.  
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6 **Library Hours** - Trustee Nale stated that they mentioned that there had been a lot of comments  
7 as far as their hours being changed. They are now recommending that they go back to their  
8 regular hours that they previously had.  
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10 **Dual Drop Box** - Trustee Nale stated that we discussed the dual drop box that they are planning  
11 on installing on 203<sup>rd</sup> Street. The book drop would accommodate books, videos and tapes. They  
12 would like to place the drop box in a different spot along 203<sup>rd</sup> Street so it doesn't interfere with  
13 the mail drop for the post office. They are going to invest about \$6,000.00. Mr. McDonnell does  
14 know about it. It would require the assistance of Public Works to help place a table for it to stand  
15 on. They have to be very careful about where the location will be.  
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17 **Silence Cell Phones at the Library** - Trustee Nale stated that they are asking all library users to  
18 silence their cell phones because they are causing a lot of disturbances while the library is in  
19 session.  
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21 **Large Print Books at the Library** - Trustee Nale was advised that they now have a great  
22 selection of Large Print Books. She stated that if anyone has difficulty in seeing to read, to please  
23 go to the library to see the new books that they have available.  
24

25 **IRMA's 2013 IMAP Visit** – Trustee Nale stated that she met with the IRMA Representative on  
26 September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Representative was Roy Jensen. They spent the entire day going from one  
27 department to another. Mr. Jensen was very impressed with the Village. He was impressed with  
28 the cleanliness. He was extremely pleased with the fact that he had to sign-in and sign-out, and  
29 that he had a tag to wear when he made his rounds of each department. Mr. Jensen was kind  
30 enough to send several Policies that will help the Village raise its safety standards. We can take  
31 them from there and go running with that. Mr. Jensen will make a full report to us and to the  
32 Department Heads after he has compiled all of his information. The Village property looked  
33 absolutely wonderful. Everything was spic and span. All of the departments were there to greet  
34 him and he was very pleased with that.  
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36 **Virgin Health Miles Program Update** – Trustee Nale stated that with regard to the Virgin  
37 Health Miles Program, at the last meeting she reported that there were nine-employees that  
38 signed up and there are now 11. She stated that we are pushing for more.  
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#### 40 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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42 **Information Only – Presentation of the Department Photo** – Trustee Gibson stated that she  
43 has three items on her Agenda this evening. The first one is the presentation of the Department  
44 photo. Chief Krull and his officers have been working very, very hard to bring us up in today's  
45 world by having a complete Official Department Photo taken. The photo was taken on August  
46 26<sup>th</sup>. She stated that we have not had an Official Department Photo of the Village's police  
47 officers in the last 15 or 20-years. She stated that it is about time that we did that.

1 Trustee Gibson stated that the “virtual” group photo was taken by David Levin Photographer. It  
2 represents the first Department photo taken. She believes that they have taken individual photos  
3 from time to time. There are individuals or departments that have gotten the pages of those  
4 different photos indicating who the officer is.  
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6 Trustee Gibson stated that it is her pleasure to present to the President and the Board this evening  
7 an Official Photo of the Olympia Fields Police Department.  
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9 Village President Meyers-Martin stated wow, and Lars is in there too. Chief Krull stated that is  
10 your police department. Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Gibson how this  
11 was done. Trustee Gibson stated that the Chief would have to explain that. It is his doing and she  
12 compliments him for that.  
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14 Trustee Waite stated that if you want to see Lars in action show up at the McDonald’s at 4  
15 o’clock on Saturday.  
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17 Chief Krull stated that in order to keep overtime costs down, they were able to take individual  
18 photos of the officers in their full, dress uniforms. It has been a long time since the officers were  
19 directed to get their full, dress uniforms squared away. The gentleman that was taking the photos  
20 took each photo individually, and then for lack of a better term photo shopped all of those  
21 individual photos into one group photo. He didn’t have to have 25-people here on overtime  
22 waiting around trying to get everybody squared away. He stated that we can pass it around. Chief  
23 Krull stated that hopefully it will be hanging up in the Village Hall. It is a historical reference.  
24 He stated that to know where you want to go you have to know where you have been. He stated  
25 that hopefully in 10-years some of these officers will be able to look back and see what they  
26 looked like. (The photo was passed around to the audience).  
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28 Trustee Gibson stated that she concluded from comments that there are some Trustees who do  
29 not know some of the officers because of the times that they work. She is aware that there are  
30 some individual photos that are just copied on a sheet with their names. Trustee Gibson and  
31 Chief Krull have been talking, and they are going to try to get all of the new officers and take out  
32 the photos of the ones that are not here, and give those copies to the Trustees so that they will  
33 know who the officers are. Some of the officers’ work on shifts and no one sees them very often.  
34 Trustee Gibson inquired of Chief Krull if he would explain about other pictures that were taken.  
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36 Chief Krull stated that all of the officers in the photo were here on that day, just not all at the  
37 same time. Each officer has their own individual photo with a uniform background as well. It has  
38 the flag off to their left which is exactly where it should be. He would like to have those photos  
39 in the hallway to show some pride in the police department. He believes that the Board will be  
40 very impressed when they see those photos as well. Lars had his picture taken too.  
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42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that is great, Chief.  
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44 **Information Only – Bullet Resistance Vest Grant from the Department of Justice** – Trustee  
45 Gibson stated that the next item is the Bullet Resistance Vest Grant from the Department of  
46 Justice. The Village was recently notified by the United States Department of Justice that

1 through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, the Village was awarded a \$5,500.00 Grant  
2 toward the purchase of bullet resistant body armor for Fiscal Year 2013.

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4 Since 1999 when the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program began, over one million vests have  
5 been issued to Law Enforcement Officers throughout the country. She stated that over  
6 \$277,000,000.00 in Federal Dollars have been used to reimburse more than 13,000 jurisdictions,  
7 including the Village of Olympia Fields for these vital pieces of officer safety equipment.

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9 The Grant Funding helps reduce the strain placed on limited budgets while providing increased  
10 officer safety and reducing line of duty deaths caused by firearms. The Village of Olympia Fields  
11 has a “Mandatory Bulletproof Vest Wear Policy” for all officers engaged in patrol related duties.  
12 Bulletproof vests cost between \$550.00 to \$750.00 each, and generally have a five-year useful  
13 life cycle and are replaced using a documented rotation schedule.

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15 Trustee Gibson stated that she wants to commend Chief Krull as she seems to do constantly, for  
16 his leadership in acquiring this recent Grant from the Justice Department. Trustee Gibson stated  
17 that she wanted to say, “Well done. Thank you so much.”

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19 **Resolution #2013-08 – A Resolution Approving the Collections Services Agreement**  
20 **Amendment #1 – Between the Village of Olympia Fields and Municipal Collections of**  
21 **America, Inc.** – Trustee Gibson stated that the last item on her Agenda is a Resolution  
22 approving the Collections Services Agreement Amendment #1 between the Village of Olympia  
23 Fields and Municipal Collections of America, Incorporated. Trustee Gibson stated that the  
24 Village had previously entered into a Collections Services Agreement with Municipal  
25 Collections of America, Incorporated on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, for the collection of certain debts due  
26 and owing the Village. The Amendment which is Amendment No. 1 will allow the Village to list  
27 other debts for collection, including delinquent red-light camera citations with this company,  
28 Municipal Collections of America, Incorporated.

29 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Nale to approve Resolution #2013-08 – A**  
30 **Resolution approving the Collections Services Agreement Amendment #1 between the**  
31 **Village of Olympia Fields and Municipal Collections of America, Inc.; and authorize the**  
32 **Village President to execute said Agreement.**

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34 Trustee Waite inquired whether or not the Village can end that Agreement at any time during the  
35 Agreement. He inquired how long the Agreement is for.

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37 Trustee Gibson stated that it has a date May 13<sup>th</sup> between Municipal Collections. We already  
38 approved that. We are talking about Amendment No. 1.

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40 Trustee Waite inquired how long the Agreement is for. Administrator Mekarski stated that Chief  
41 Krull has that information.

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43 Chief Krull stated that the first Agreement that was approved in May of 2013 has an annual  
44 renewal on it. All you are doing is adding on these collection fees.

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46 Trustee Waite stated that you are extending the Agreement after the end of a year. Chief Krull  
47 stated that it is up for renewal. We can extend it or not. Trustee Waite inquired of Chief Krull

1 how much they have collected in this last period. Chief Krull stated that he can't answer that. He  
2 knows from the work that has been done by Retired Commander Les Delya who he has to  
3 recognize for his efforts on behalf of this, the current collection company that RedFlex is using  
4 was not collecting anywhere near what the industry standard should be. They were around 6% or  
5 7%. It was terribly low. He stated that with this Amendment we are going to have all of the  
6 collections in one place. We have that add-on fee Amendment that the Board previously  
7 approved. Any fines that are collected will come directly to the Village. The service fees that are  
8 charged will be the responsibility of the violator.

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10 Trustee Waite stated that it will be added to the amount owed. Chief Krull stated correct. Trustee  
11 Waite stated that he has had very poor experience with collection companies. He stated that they  
12 are great until you sign the contract and then you never hear from them again. Trustee Waite  
13 inquired of Chief Krull whether or not that is sort of what happened to the previous one. Chief  
14 Krull stated that Retired Commander Delya did an extensive amount of research. He found out  
15 that in general, if you didn't ask RedFlex to check on their collection company there was no  
16 impetus for them to try to turn it up a notch. We did make contact with that collection company.  
17 They are based out of state. It is very difficult to reach out and touch them so to speak.

18  
19 Trustee Waite inquired of Chief Krull whether or not RedFlex gets paid whether the Village gets  
20 paid or not. Chief Krull stated that there is a service fee that is attached to that. Trustee Waite  
21 stated that if we don't collect it they don't get paid. Chief Krull stated correct.

22  
23 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she had to commend and thank Les Delya because it  
24 was through him that the Village was able to negotiate and secure a 10% reduction in the fees  
25 that the Village is being charged. She stated that when the Board first discussed this back in  
26 May, it came to our attention that there was over \$1,500,000.00 in uncollected debt here in the  
27 Village.

28  
29 Trustee Waite stated that if you look at some of the details of these collection companies, some  
30 retain 40%, some 30%, and some 25%. Sometimes it is better to beat the largest one by 5%  
31 because then the collection staff will only work on those more aggressively than if you reduce  
32 the amount. He stated that is just something to consider.

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

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35 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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37 **207<sup>th</sup> Street/Governors Highway – Tolentine Park Pedestrian Safety & Improvements**  
38 **Grant – Project No. TCSP-IL09 (044); IDOT Bids for the Street Lighting Component –**  
39 **Approval of Additional Local Match –** Administrator Mekarski stated that as the Board  
40 Members are aware, this item was tabled at our last meeting. We were reporting on the  
41 authorization of the Board of Trustees from its February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting where we authorized our  
42 engineers to prepare plans and specs for the Pedestrian Safety Grant, which we secured close to  
43 half a Million Dollars for getting our residents safely to the Tolentine Park. Subsequent to the  
44 February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting there were a number of additional reports to the Board of Trustees, Staff  
45 Reports, delineating each of the components of the projects which Pat Barker from Robinson  
46 Engineering will elaborate for you.

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1 Administrator Mekarski stated that at the last meeting we came before the Board because  
2 Robinson Engineering informed the Village, and they prepared the specs and plans for the entire  
3 project, the project came in above Budget and was primarily related to the street lighting  
4 component along 207<sup>th</sup> Street. It was about a \$67,000.00 overage. At that time we recommended,  
5 and we had received a letter from our bond counsel saying that the Village could use the Road  
6 Bond to pay for that differential. The differential was to insure that we have the same  
7 specifications for lighting as Kedzie Avenue with some minor exceptions that Pat Barker will  
8 elaborate.

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10 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Board had expressed some concern about that. He had  
11 some additional conversations with Board Members about funding sources. The Memorandum  
12 that the Board has today amends the funding source. They found an alternate source at the  
13 request of the Village President, which will insure that we are not providing local funds. They  
14 are coming directly from the Federal Government through the Grant and through the Motor Fuel  
15 Tax which is state shared revenues. We did identify that in our Unencumbered MFT Account  
16 there is \$385,000.00. Those are variances from historic allocations and \$247,000.00 of that is  
17 held in a short-term investment account. We can appropriate \$70,000.00 out of that fund for this  
18 project, leaving a balance of \$315,000.00 in the account. We are not touching the Unencumbered  
19 Fund Balance of the General Fund. We are not touching the variance of the Road Bond. The  
20 entire project is being funded, close to \$500,000.00, with Federal and State Funds.

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22 Administrator Mekarski stated that Patricia Barker would like to elaborate on the plans and specs  
23 and her discussions with IDOT. The Village President has asked Chief Krull to weigh-in. He  
24 provided the report for the Board of Trustees. We provided that to some of our Homeowners  
25 Associations Presidents surrounding 207<sup>th</sup> Street about some of the safety concerns.

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27 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mrs. Barker if she would speak to the disturbance  
28 of trees along 207<sup>th</sup> Street first. There are members of the Vienna Woods Homeowners  
29 Association in the audience. When she attended their Homeowners Association Meeting one of  
30 their concerns was regarding the Arborvitaes along 207<sup>th</sup> Street.

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32 Mrs. Barker thanked the Village President and the Board for the opportunity to be here tonight.  
33 The project first started as funding that the Village was able to receive years ago that we were  
34 able to recapture and use for safety improvements. She stated that with regard to the trees, we  
35 have confirmed that from Governors Highway east and the first three blocks there will be no  
36 trees removed at all. That was one of the areas of concern. There will be no trees removed in the  
37 first three-blocks. The reason that the sidewalk and the street lighting were designed and  
38 proposed to go on the south side of 207<sup>th</sup> Street is because of the number of trees that would have  
39 to be removed if the lighting and sidewalk were moved to the north side. That would have  
40 exceeded 25-trees. She stated that because of that initially, the design was such that it was put on  
41 the south side with proposed improvements.

42  
43 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that another thing that came up at the Vienna Woods  
44 Homeowners Association Meeting is that on the south side of the street there is a sanitary sewer  
45 line. She inquired of Mrs. Barker how they are going to address that in terms of the work.

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1 Mrs. Barker stated that we are currently showing all the utilities. That is part of the requirement  
2 that IDOT has that you do a full exploration of the utilities in the project area. We have had to  
3 explore that as well to make sure that we not impacting those utilities. They are on all the plans  
4 in detail. We had to show the cross sections as well for the sidewalk throughout that  
5 improvement. It is two-thirds of a mile. It is a pretty extensive improvement between Governors  
6 Highway and Olympian Way.

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8 Mrs. Barker stated that the Village tried very hard to get a traffic signal at the intersection of  
9 Governors Highway and 207<sup>th</sup> Street. She stated that with their very best efforts, Traffic Studies,  
10 and extensive research, no matter what they did IDOT said, "No." It was not warranted at this  
11 point. They would not allow a traffic signal. Instead it had to be what IDOT considered a safety  
12 improvement. Only certain things were eligible. It was paramount that we provide safe access  
13 across Governors Highway there to the park. She stated that what was proposed and what the  
14 Village Board concurred with was for us to put up flashing beacons. They can be individually  
15 activated by people ready to cross the street. They can be seen from over 500-feet in each  
16 direction. Mrs. Barker stated that the Federal Highway Administration has approved and allowed  
17 these only recently because of the extensive research that they have done. She stated that for this  
18 project they did approve them. IDOT required that for us to bring pedestrians across Governors  
19 Highway that we have to have a receiving sidewalk. Typically, when you use Federal money it  
20 has to go from FAU Route to FAU Route. It was to extend all the way over to Olympian Way.  
21 We were able to provide not separate bike paths, but the street is actually wide enough to provide  
22 shared lanes. There will be markings that bikes will be allowed on that street. That will connect  
23 the path that is in Tolentine Park to the bike lanes on Olympian Way. That will be a nice  
24 improvement.

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26 Mrs. Barker stated that the other improvement is to have street lighting that would connect  
27 between Governors Highway and Olympian Way. Due to the fact the street lighting was  
28 included; there were several things that the Village had asked them to do. The Village wanted  
29 LED Lights so that for future maintenance and expense those would be as low as possible. The  
30 LED Lights were included. That was not as large an expense as was anticipated so that worked  
31 out very well. In order to match the light poles that are currently on Kedzie and Olympian Way,  
32 the light poles came in at a high cost. That was the reason for the overage. There were 10 Bids  
33 received. On the IDOT Letting Bids it is very competitive. There was quite a range in the Bids.  
34 There was like a \$100,000.00 difference in the Bids. The one item that was high on all 10 of the  
35 bidders was the light poles because of the specific, decorative nature of those. She stated that to  
36 the Village there is a big advantage to that. They don't have to stock as many different parts for  
37 the light poles for every different street. She believes that was the intention when those were  
38 specified. It provides a unified look. It provides an improvement for the Public Works  
39 Department so it is easy for them to work with them and to replace parts if there is a problem.  
40 That was the item that did come in high.

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42 Trustee Waite inquired of Mrs. Barker whether or not she went back to see the cost of the  
43 original light poles and then compared that to the new ones. Mrs. Barker stated that they didn't  
44 have access to those numbers. She doesn't know. She was told that was around 2006. They  
45 didn't have access to that information. Those are the types of items that do increase in price.  
46 These days with roadway construction they are seeing very good prices, very competitive prices

1 because contractors are looking for work. Those are the types of items that continue to go up and  
2 escalate the price.

3  
4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there were questions about lights on 207<sup>th</sup> that it  
5 might disturb the residents. Mrs. Barker stated that these are very much directive lights that will  
6 be aimed at the street and the sidewalk. They will not have a back layer for the residents. That is  
7 very important to know. There are 20-poles on this improvement. It is two-thirds of a mile. They  
8 are all on the south side. There are two-poles near Governors Highway on the north side. The  
9 street widens right at that intersection. It is wider because of the turn lane. It is wider along the  
10 entrance to Public Works and the ESDA Offices. Offering lighting at that intersection and at that  
11 entrance to Public Works and ESDA is a safety concern. It is a very important place to have  
12 additional lights. The street is wider and with the vehicles coming out of those offices it is  
13 important. The spacing above the light poles is according to IES Standards that are required by  
14 IDOT. We don't set those. We have to show that we are meeting their standards. The first lights  
15 are 240-feet apart. After that the spacing is 200-feet apart.

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17 Trustee Waite inquired of Mrs. Barker why we can't go back and find out what we paid for those  
18 poles. Mrs. Barker stated that she didn't say we that couldn't find out. She just stated that she  
19 didn't know. She stated that the Village may have records.

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21 Trustee Waite stated that he thought that would be something they would want to look into. He  
22 stated that if it is a manufacturer, maybe we don't want to do business with them anymore if that  
23 is what they are going to do. Maybe we should look elsewhere.

24  
25 Trustee Nale inquired of Mrs. Barker whether or not the sidewalks are going to be made of  
26 concrete or asphalt. Mrs. Barker stated that they are concrete. They are five-foot wide. That is the  
27 IDOT Standard. Trustee Nale inquired of Mrs. Barker whether or not there will be a total of 18  
28 poles. Mrs. Barker stated that there will be 18-poles on the south side of 207<sup>th</sup> Street. Trustee  
29 Nale stated and two on the other side. Mrs. Barker stated yes. Trustee Nale stated that she was  
30 very happy and relieved when she spoke to Mr. Alexa and he stated that the light would actually  
31 shine down on the roadway and not into any of the homes.

32  
33 Trustee Nale stated that she has one, big concern. At the end of 207<sup>th</sup> Street where it meets  
34 Kedzie and Olympian Way, there are bike paths on both sides of Olympian Way and Kedzie.  
35 Trustee Nale is a bike rider. She stated that if she were riding north on Olympian Way and she  
36 wanted to cross over to Scott Drive; it seems like an awfully tight squeeze there. She stated that  
37 even when you are going out in a car and you want to turn and direct your car to head north,  
38 sometimes you really have to put the pedal to the metal in other words to get out there. That is  
39 her biggest concern right now. She believes that when the project is completed it will be very  
40 nice. She stated that concerns her an awful lot. She doesn't know if there is something that we  
41 can do with that corner or what the answer to that is.

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43 Mrs. Barker inquired of Trustee Nale whether it was the width of the road in making the turns.  
44 Trustee Nale stated that she doesn't know what the actual width is. She stated that when she is  
45 biking she will not go on Kedzie. Her concern is if there are any kids riding their bikes in the  
46 summertime from one activity to another and they try to cross that lane into 207<sup>th</sup> Street we are

1 just looking for trouble there. She hopes that she is not correct. Trustee Nale stated that she just  
2 wants it on the record that she is very concerned about that area.

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4 Administrator Mekarski inquired of Mrs. Barker whether or not she could do a field inspection  
5 on that on behalf of the Village President and the Board.

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7 Mrs. Barker stated that she has the width of 207<sup>th</sup> Street and Scott Drive. She doesn't have the  
8 width of the adjoining street. Mrs. Barker stated that we can check it out.

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10 Trustee Nale stated that it is the intersection that bothers her. Mrs. Barker stated that we will  
11 check on that.

12  
13 Village President Meyers-Martin wanted to make sure that the Trustees saw the Minutes from  
14 the February Meeting where they extensively talked about the lights and the change from the 16  
15 poles to the 20-poles. The extra lighting will be at the intersecting streets. Village President  
16 Meyers-Martin asked Chief Krull to talk about the safety aspect of the lighting and sidewalks on  
17 207<sup>th</sup> Street. There is a Memo from Chief Krull in the Board Packet.

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19 Chief Krull stated that you have a roadway, and you have a shared bike lane, and now you have a  
20 sidewalk. As the Chief of Police, any extra lighting that he can get there at anytime is a plus. You  
21 have crime prevention issues there. The officers will be able to see who is on the street and who  
22 is walking down the sidewalk. Their sightlines will be much better with that lighting in the area.

23  
24 Chief Krull stated that when he first started with the Village he was driving around trying to get  
25 the lay of the land. He stated that the intersection at 207<sup>th</sup> and Governors scares him to death. He  
26 doesn't know any other way to put it. He went to work right away with the Park District trying to  
27 get some signage. Mrs. Barker and the Village Board were already working on that. He would  
28 have liked to have seen some kind of a traffic signal there. Chief Krull stated that is not going to  
29 happen because IDOT won't approve it. He stated that because of the lighting that is in the area,  
30 and those two extra street lights that will be near that intersection at 207<sup>th</sup> and Governors, will  
31 further expose that intersection and hopefully draw the drivers attention to that area. Hopefully, it  
32 will click in the minds of the drivers that they have to slow down a little bit there.

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34 Chief Krull stated that it is his own personal belief and something that he wrote in the Memo that  
35 this is all part and parcel of the same project. He would be remiss if he didn't say that if you are  
36 going to have a shared bike lane and you are going to have a sidewalk, and you are going to have  
37 people on bikes and people walking to not have this kind of lighting in that area would be an  
38 invitation for disaster. No matter how careful people are it is very dark. As Chief of Police he  
39 wants to see what is in front of him on a roadway there.

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41 Chief Krull requested Public Works to trim back some of the brush that is around that  
42 intersection only to improve everybody's sightlines so that people don't have to creep up as far  
43 into that intersection when they are trying to make a right or a left turn. In his opinion, the  
44 increased lighting there will certainly be a benefit.

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46 Chief Krull stated that the crime prevention aspect cannot be underestimated there. The town is  
47 beautiful. It is very dark at night. It is similar to where he came from in Riverside. They had

1 historic gas lamps there that put out a 40 candle watt. You couldn't see your hand in front of  
2 your face at 2 o'clock in the morning. That is not so good for police. It is very good for people  
3 that are intent on doing ill will there. Any additional lighting you can have on a roadway such as  
4 this for people that may be going into those subdivisions is certainly a plus in his opinion.

5  
6 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that since our last Board Meeting we have reached out to  
7 the Homeowners Associations Presidents regarding this project. We were met with enthusiasm  
8 regarding this project. She is not aware of any questions or concerns. She is aware that Trustee  
9 Nale has some questions regarding the bike path and the lighting in terms of directional lighting.

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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that we reached out to the Arcadia Homeowners Association,  
12 Doris Meredith. She welcomed the idea of the entire project. We spoke to Sharon Bean and once  
13 she understood that the component parts necessitated the bike lanes and the safety path that the  
14 street lights were understood and recognized. You couldn't have the crossing without the  
15 linkage. If you are going to have the linkage you may as well make it safe. Mr. Winer is here this  
16 evening. He had some preliminary, sidebar conversations with Pat Barker. He can't speak for  
17 him directly, but he hadn't heard of any major opposition. The Village President reached out to  
18 Vienna Woods through the Homeowners Association Meeting on Sunday. In the Board Packet is  
19 the Memorandum that they provided to the Presidents of the Homeowners Associations. All of  
20 the attachments were included consisting of the chronology of the Board's discussion on it, and  
21 authorizations were also included. There was time for the Presidents of the Homeowners  
22 Associations to evaluate it and contact Administrator Mekarski, the engineer, or Chief Krull  
23 prior to tonight's meeting.

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25 Trustee Nale stated that she believes in that report they had mentioned 16 light poles.  
26 Administrator Mekarski stated that is correct.

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28 Mrs. Barker believes that the 16 were initially their estimate when they did the calculations and  
29 showed the layout of all of the lights. It was required by IDOT that they have 20-poles.

30 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the transfer of monies**  
31 **from the Village's Unencumbered MFT Fund Balance, not to exceed \$70,000.00, for the**  
32 **207<sup>th</sup> Street/Governors Highway – Tolentine Park Pedestrian Safety & Improvement Grant**  
33 **– Project No. TCSP-IL09 (044), IDOT BID – Street Lighting Component.**

34  
35 Administrator Mekarski stated that it is understood that our engineer will be advancing an MFT  
36 Resolution at one of our subsequent meetings which is required by the Motor Fuel Tax.

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

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39 Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mrs. Barker for being here and she thanked Chief  
40 Krull for his report.

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42 **Metra 211<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot Services Agreement – Chicago South Suburban Mass**  
43 **Transit District** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the next item is the Metra 211<sup>th</sup> Street  
44 Parking Lot Services Agreement. It was submitted to the Village by the Chicago South Suburban  
45 Mass Transit District. It is identical to the Village's standing Agreement with CSSMTD with the  
46 exception of a minor increase in the amount of money that they allocate us for assisting and  
47 picking up the refuse containers at the site. All costs of the Department of Public Works are



1 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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3 **Authorization for the Disbursement of an Additional .5% C.O.L. Increase to All Non-**  
4 **Union Employees Consistent with the Approved Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and equivalent to**  
5 **the MAP Bargaining Unit Agreement – Retroactive to May 1, 2013 –** Village President

6 Meyers-Martin stated that the one item on the Agenda is the authorization for the disbursement  
7 of the additional .5% Cost of Living increase. We did budget for a 25% increase in wages for all  
8 of our non-union employees in our Annual Budget. We actually disbursed a 2% increase but  
9 budgeted for 2.5% waiting on the results of our negotiations with our Police Union. We have  
10 moved towards a contract for that and that increase will be 2.5%. In order to stay in line with our  
11 union employees, we need to increase our Cost of Living by .5%. She stated that everyone has  
12 that Memo.

13 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale for the authorization for the**  
14 **disbursement of an additional .5% Cost of Living increase to all non-union employees**  
15 **consistent with the approved Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and equivalent to the MAP**  
16 **Bargaining Unit Agreement retroactive to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.**

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

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19 **Report on Vollmer Road/Bridge Improvement Project -** Village President Meyers-Martin  
20 stated that at the last Board Meeting she mentioned that we held a meeting at Village Hall with  
21 32-stakeholders in the region regarding the Vollmer Road bridge and the number of incidents  
22 that have occurred over the past three-years, which we were able to provide data to not only  
23 Cook County but IDOT regarding the need for a resolution to that issue. There was a great deal  
24 of enthusiasm from everyone that was present for the need to address those issues.

25  
26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is happy to say that the South Suburban Mayors  
27 and Managers Transportation Committee approved the \$1,000,000.00 for Phase I of the  
28 Preliminary Engineering Study for safety improvements with 80% of the monies provided in  
29 Fiscal Year 2014 through their STP Federal Funds which are Surface Transportation Program  
30 Funds and 20% provided by Cook County. Village President Meyers-Martin read the Press  
31 Release coming out of Washington, D.C. regarding this Vollmer Road Safety Improvement  
32 Project: “On Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association  
33 Transportation Committee approved the recommendation to provide funding for the Phase I  
34 Preliminary Engineering Study for safety improvement at Vollmer Road between Kedzie  
35 Avenue and Western Avenue. Our Village is thankful that the SSMMA Transportation  
36 Committee understands the safety issues affecting the Vollmer Road Project says Olympia Fields  
37 President Debbie Meyers-Martin. According to the 2011 Illinois Department of Transportation  
38 Analysis this section of Vollmer Road averages 21,800 vehicles per day. The two lane roadway  
39 has a railroad bridge height restriction of 11.9, and a history of more than 50 crashes per year  
40 within the project limits. In addition, Village Police Officers and ESDA Staff assist with more  
41 than 80 near crashes per year when a vehicle stops before striking the bridge, but requires  
42 assistance to turn around and reroute. The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association  
43 Committee approved \$1,000,000.00 for the Phase I Preliminary Engineering Study for safety  
44 improvements with 80% provided in Fiscal Year 2014 through the Surface Transportation  
45 Program Federal Funds and 20% provided by Cook County.

1 The Village of Olympia Fields also recently submitted a Highway Safety Improvement Program  
2 Application for funding short-term safety measures at the Vollmer Road Project Site. In recent  
3 weeks this project has seen unprecedented support from the State and Federal delegations said  
4 David Mekarski, Village Manager. The Villages of Olympia Fields and Flossmoor are grateful  
5 for the support of U.S. Senator Dick Durbin’s Staff, U.S. Senator Mark Kirk’s Staff,  
6 Congresswoman Robin Kelly, State Senator Toi Hutchinson, State Senator Michael Hastings,  
7 State Representative Anthony DeLuca, State Representative Al Riley, Cook County  
8 Superintendent of Highways John Yonan, IDOT Bureau of Local Roads, Canadian National  
9 Railroad and Metra.”

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11 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we pulled together all of those people and now those  
12 efforts through the sheer determination of our Chief of Police, John Krull, the Chief of Police in  
13 Flossmoor, and the Mayor of Flossmoor, we were able to pass this through. That \$1,000,000.00  
14 has been recommended for funding so that we can finally resolve the issue at Vollmer Road.  
15 That is a real win for the Village of Olympia Fields, the Village of Flossmoor, and the region,  
16 because everyone in that room understood how that has affected all of us in terms of when there  
17 is an incident everyone is inconvenienced. Everyone has to put in extra overtime in order to  
18 direct traffic. She is grateful that was a positive result. She thanked everyone involved for  
19 participating in that meeting.

20  
21 Trustee Waite inquired of Village President Meyers-Martin what the total value of that whole  
22 project is. Village President Meyers-Martin stated anywhere between \$25,000,000.00 to  
23 \$35,000,000.00 because they are going to have to lower the road. It is a concrete bridge so you  
24 cannot raise it.

25  
26 Administrator Mekarski stated that we would be remiss without publicly complimenting the  
27 efforts of Pat Barker and Robinson Engineering. Mrs. Barker worked with the Village  
28 President’s Administrative Team along with Administrator Mekarski’s Office and all of the  
29 departments for the last two-years putting data together. The Chief closed the gap by getting with  
30 the Flossmoor Chief and getting the kind of data that Mrs. Barker needed to put in the Grant  
31 Applications. He stated that in a period of austerity, for this Village to secure \$1,000,000.00  
32 in Preliminary Engineering without even having to pay a local match, the County picked up the  
33 \$200,000.00 in a local match, it is unprecedented. It is amazing what can be accomplished with  
34 the Administrative teamwork that the Village President outlined.

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36 Administrator Mekarski stated that we are very pleased to get this project started. This is solving  
37 a 40-year problem that no one prior to this Administration, prior to this Village President, and  
38 this Board, had any idea how to approach and how to fix. Trustee Waite stated that the size of the  
39 project is huge.

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41 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we are looking for short-term solutions as well. This  
42 project is going to take a very long time to complete. Cook County has assured the Village that  
43 they will be assisting the Village in short-term resolution, whether it is an Early Warning System  
44 for truckers, whether it is the laser, or the chain element. There are questions about that in terms  
45 of noise. Cook County has agreed to come up with something in the short-term.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Senator Mike Hastings has been very helpful in  
2 assisting the Village to pressure Cook County. Senator Hastings invited the Village President to  
3 a meeting that he was having with IDOT. He more or less stated to IDOT that if the Village isn't  
4 given assistance in the short-term, that he will be taking this to the General Assembly in a  
5 hearing to find out why we are not getting money. He is standing right there with the Village as  
6 well.

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8 **Meeting with Governor Quinn** - Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she was part of a  
9 Mayors Coalition that met with Governor Quinn. He announced that all of the Villages are  
10 getting extra funding related to MFT Funds. It is not exactly MFT. The Village's share is  
11 \$20,550.00. That is money that we did not know that we would be receiving. Governor Quinn  
12 announced that yesterday at the meeting. She stated that they talked about the South Suburban  
13 Airport and how they are acquiring more land in order to move forward with that. They talked  
14 about pension reform. They talked about revenue sharing for the gaming license that one of six  
15 Villages has applied for including Chicago Heights, and Country Club Hills. Homewood is  
16 looking for a license and so is Lynwood.

17  
18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is on the Executive Committee for the South  
19 Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. They have already worked out a Revenue Sharing  
20 Plan. They will be taking that to the six towns that are looking to be the host for the casino.

21  
22 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it was a really good meeting. Governor Quinn  
23 understands the challenges in the south suburbs. She believes that we will be able to continue to  
24 work with him so that we can move forward with some of the projects that are very much needed  
25 in the south suburbs.

26  
27 **New Residents Reception** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that on October 26<sup>th</sup> is our  
28 New Residents Reception. It will be held at Village Hall. She likes to term it as the “21<sup>st</sup> Century  
29 Welcome Wagon.” All of the Department Heads will be there. The Library Board and the Park  
30 District will be there. She invited the new Postmaster for Olympia Fields. All of the new  
31 residents have been invited. It starts at 9:00 A.M.

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33 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she will be distributing the Golf Fund proceeds to  
34 the Homeowners Associations. The Presidents of the Homeowners Associations will be present  
35 at the New Residents Reception. At that meeting she will be rolling out her “Civic Engagement  
36 Committee.” There will be a presentation on that for the Presidents of the Homeowners  
37 Associations. She stated that it will be a fun time.

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39 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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41 **Buffer Fence** – Trustee Nale inquired whether or not we know anything more about the buffer  
42 fence that was going to be placed behind the Walgreens area between there and the residential  
43 housing.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she spoke with John McDonnell today.

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1 Administrator Mekarski stated that we met with the property owners. We have a concept to bring  
2 back to the Board on our involvement with financial assistance, which would be a short-term  
3 loan to upgrade the fence from the wood fence to a high, commercial grade, vinyl clad fence. It  
4 is almost double the cost. They are willing to do that. They are trying to secure commitments  
5 from Chase and the receiver who is controlling the Cardinal Fitness Building. We had expression  
6 that the Court would release cash from the Cardinal Fitness Account and Chase, rather than  
7 going to any financing mechanism would write a check for their portion. Once we establish what  
8 the financial commitments will be with cash, we can layout the rest of the formula to the Board,  
9 and the Board can review it to make a final decision. We are making progress.

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11 **Parking on Lawns, Grass or Sidewalk** – Trustee Nale inquired if it is approved in some  
12 Ordinance that we have that people who park on the lawns, grass, or sidewalk get a ticket or a  
13 reprimand of some sort. She stated that an awful lot of it is going on.

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15 Administrator Mekarski stated that there is an Ordinance on that. We go through Code  
16 Enforcement and try to encourage compliance without the issuance of a ticket. We can take it to  
17 the point of issuing a ticket for that violation.

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19 Trustee Nale stated that she would really like to see that done. She stated that it is getting to be  
20 ridiculous.

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22 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Nale where she sees cars parked. Trustee  
23 Nale stated when she is on her walk. She walks through the Arcadia area of the Village and the  
24 Original Village. She walks in The Trails. Trustee Nale stated that she has pictures. She stated  
25 that on Hellenic where the new sidewalk is, there were at least three or four-cars parked on that  
26 sidewalk. She doesn't know why people are doing it. The grass parking, it is just taken for  
27 granted now that it is allowed.

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29 Administrator Mekarski stated that can be a partnership with our Code Enforcement Officer and  
30 the police department. He stated that if somebody is parking on the new sidewalk on Hellenic  
31 which is beyond the curb that is something that our police officers can address. Reggie addresses  
32 parking on the front yards.

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34 Trustee Nale stated that he is not available on the weekends. Administrator Mekarski stated that  
35 is why we can do it in partnership with the Chief. Trustee Nale stated that Flossmoor has a real  
36 strict Ordinance about that. You don't dare park on their grass. The police are there just handing  
37 out tickets. Trustee Nale stated that it is unsightly now that we have new streets and new  
38 sidewalks.

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40 Trustee Waite inquired where the boot is. Administrator Mekarski stated that is something that  
41 the Chief is securing.

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43 Administrator Mekarski stated that we will get together with Chief Krull, our Building Official,  
44 and the Code Enforcement Officer.

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1 Trustee Nale stated that she would appreciate that. She believes that they should be ticketed.  
2 They have been warned enough over the past years. She stated that we ought to get more  
3 stringent with our residents.  
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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that Nancy Dietz also provides us with a continual list of violators  
6 that our Code Enforcement Department checks up on.  
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8 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will certainly get on that. She doesn't believe  
9 that she has ever seen a car parked on the sidewalk.  
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11 **NEW BUSINESS:**  
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13 **“Under the Arches” at McDonald’s** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Randy Conn  
14 the owner and operator of the McDonald’s in Olympia Fields is having Heartache Tonight an  
15 Eagles Tribute Concert on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The concert is free to the public. There is a whole week  
16 of activities going on at McDonald’s in Olympia Fields. Mr. Conn is doing this to support the  
17 Village and to encourage foot traffic at that plaza. He has encouraged other businesses in that  
18 area to participate. Currie Motors, Bara Tax & Financial Services, the Olympia Fields Park  
19 District and the police department are all participating. Lars will be there at 4 o’clock on  
20 Saturday. She encouraged everyone to attend the concert or to go to some of the other activities.  
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22 Trustee Waite stated that Chief Krull is donating his time to provide security for the event along  
23 with one of the other police officers who is getting paid.  
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25 **Sign Commission** - Trustee Gibson stated that we are still awaiting the final product from John  
26 Murphey’s Office with regard to the new Sign Ordinance. She knows that they have been very  
27 busy. It is still on the back burner. The Sign Commission consists of two Trustees and John  
28 McDonnell the Building Commissioner. One of the Trustees is specifically stated as the Liaison  
29 for Building. She stated that might be something for the Village President to include in her  
30 appointments.  
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32 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**  
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34 **Resignation – Dr. Ethel James Collier from the Educational Commission** – Village President  
35 Meyers-Martin stated that she is sad to say that she has the Resignation of Dr. Ethel James  
36 Collier from the Educational Commission. She knows that Dr. Collier has been highly involved  
37 with the Educational Commission for many, many years. She is sorry to see her resign. She  
38 believes that Dr. Collier is taking over another position that is taking up quite a bit of her time.

39 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to accept the Resignation from Dr. Ethel**  
40 **James Collier, dated October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013; and further authorize the Village Administrator to**  
41 **send a Letter of Appreciation on behalf of the Village President and Board of Trustees for**  
42 **service to our Village.**

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

45 **Resignation – Pat Ormsby from the Economic Development Committee** – Village President  
46 Meyers-Martin stated that she is very sad to have the Resignation of Pat Ormsby who served on

1 her Economic Development Committee. He was a long time resident of the Village of Olympia  
2 Fields. He was the husband of our former Trustee, Susan Ormsby.

3 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Byrd to accept the Resignation from Pat**  
4 **Ormsby, dated September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013; and further authorize the Village Administrator to**  
5 **send a Letter of Appreciation on behalf of the Village President and Board of Trustees for**  
6 **service to our Village.**

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

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9 **Appointment – Robert Lewis to the Finance Committee –**

10 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve the candidacy of Robert B.**  
11 **Lewis, Sr. to the Village of Olympia Fields Finance Committee for a term continuing until**  
12 **a new appointment is made by the Village President.**

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

14

15 **Appointment – Trustee Hudson as Liaison to the Building Department, Beautification**  
16 **Committee, and the Sign Commission.**

17 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the appointment of our**  
18 **new Trustee, Willett Hudson, to the Liaison position to our Building Department, our**  
19 **Beautification Committee, and our Sign Commission.**

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

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22 Trustee Gibson inquired whether or not a Letter of Appreciation was sent to Mr. Schneider when  
23 he tendered his Resignation to the Public Safety Committee.

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25 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is not sure. Administrator Mekarski stated that  
26 he can check into that. He believes that Gladys indicated that they did do that. He will double-  
27 check on that.

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29 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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31 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 9:35 P.M.**

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

33 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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