

1 property owners. The bill is being placed in a folder and will be charged against the final
2 Special Service Area. He stated that when the Village was sending out the notice to the
3 citizens advising them what their expected annual cost would be, the Village had to look
4 at the 79 PIN Numbers and calculate based on their assessed valuation of the property, a
5 projected payment for 10 years and 15 years. All of the engineering costs and the
6 financial costs will be placed against the SSA. The only exception would be if the Village
7 is successful in getting the \$364,000.00 Grant then it would have to cancel everything.

8 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the payment of bills**
9 **for November 8, 2010, in the total amount of \$70,998.06.**

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

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12 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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

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16 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that representatives were present from Baxter &
17 Woodman, Robinson Engineering, James & Sons, and the Olympia Fields East
18 Homeowners Association. The agenda items pertaining to those representatives would be
19 taken out of order.

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21 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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23 **207th Street/Western Avenue Intersection Safety and Lighting Report – Steve**
24 **Amann, Baxter & Woodman Engineers** – Administrator Mekarski stated that there is a
25 report from Steve Amann of Baxter & Woodman in the Board Packet. Administrator
26 Mekarski asked Mr. Amann to outline for the Board and the members of the audience,
27 what Baxter & Woodman was asked to look at by Mr. Alexa. Mr. Amann stated that the
28 concerns that were brought to their attention were the inadequate sight distance as you
29 pull up to the intersection of 207th Street and Western Avenue from the west leg of the
30 intersection. There was concern about the level of illumination at the west leg. They
31 looked at the sight distance constraints presented by the bushes to the north. They looked
32 at the streetlight and the stop bar. Western Avenue is under the jurisdiction of IDOT.
33 They looked at the standards that would have to be met for that intersection to be
34 redesigned. Mr. Amann stated that the stop bar is setback 30 feet. The stop bar could be
35 moved up closer to the intersection. That would help with the sight distance from the stop
36 bar. Under the Vehicle Code you are required to stop at the stop bar, and you can roll
37 forward as you need to, to improve the sight distance for a person in the car.
38 Administrator Mekarski stated that the stop bar is the white, painted stripe on the
39 pavement next to the stop sign. Mr. Amann stated that there are no warning signs in
40 either direction that there is an intersection ahead.

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42 Mr. Amann stated the other sight distance issue is the undergrowth and shrubs to the
43 north if you try to pull out of the intersection. He spoke to Mr. Alexa about this. Without
44 knowing where the right-of-way is, they are not certain how much they can cut back. You
45 have to survey and locate the exact right-of-way. He stated that some of that growth may
46 be on private property.

1 Mr. Amann stated that in regard to the lighting, currently there is a luminaire that is
2 recessed up into the fixture. You cannot see the light until you are right underneath it. It
3 is intended to reduce glare. It does not stand out from 100 to 200 feet away. The
4 luminaire at 207th Street going east does protrude from the metal housing that it is in so
5 that you can see it from quite a distance away.

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7 Mr. Amann stated that their recommendations would be to look at moving the stop bar
8 closer to the intersection. Locate where the right-of-way is and determine how much of
9 the undergrowth and shrubs can be cleared out, and look at changing that light. Mr.
10 Amann stated that right now it is a standard ComEd fixture that the Village pays for on a
11 monthly basis. They do have other fixtures available. They would have to find out how
12 much ComEd would charge to change the light, and how much the cost would go up with
13 a different light in place. ComEd would have to work with the State to get a Permit to
14 change the light. If the Village wanted to do something more extensive than just
15 changing that light, a more detailed study would have to be done. The Village could
16 request IDOT to do the study. Mr. Amann stated that IDOT doesn't do lighting on State
17 routes unless it is identified as a high accident location for nighttime accidents. There is
18 no history of that at the intersection of 207th and Western Avenue. The Village would
19 have to do the study and decide what level of illumination it wants to put at that
20 intersection. The Village would have to look at how that impacts the other intersection. It
21 would have to look at transition lighting where you go from no street lighting to lighting
22 at the intersection. It is fairly complex. He stated that it would cost a few thousand dollars
23 just to see what level of illumination could be placed at the intersection.

24
25 Mr. Pat Collier, President of the Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association inquired
26 of Mr. Amann if he was in agreement that there is very poor visibility at that intersection.
27 Mr. Amann stated that it is very poor as far as being able to see the light itself. Mr.
28 Collier inquired of Mr. Amann what the visibility is as far as finding the street. Mr.
29 Amann stated that he knew where it was so he knew what to look for. He stated that
30 coming from the north he probably would have passed the street right by if he didn't
31 know where it was. Mr. Collier stated that the residents have a problem finding the street
32 when they are coming down Western. He stated that there are two pillars on either side of
33 207th Street. Those two pillars use to be lit by gas. The gas lines have eroded and are no
34 longer safe to use. Mr. Collier stated that they suggested to the Village that lights be
35 placed on those pillars so that when you come down Western Avenue you have a marker
36 to know where to turn in. On Vollmer there are two lights to indicate where the
37 intersection is for Graymoor. The same thing occurs on Western. Three houses between
38 207th and Vollmer have lighted markers on either side of their driveways so they know
39 where to turn.

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41 Mr. Collier inquired of Mr. Amann that if they put lights on the pillars on either side of
42 207th Street if that would give them an indication of where their street was and allow
43 them to turn in safely. Mr. Amann stated that it would. Mr. Amann's concern is
44 depending on the type of light fixture that went there, it could create more glare for the
45 drivers that are going through that intersection due to the fact the pillars are not that tall.
46 Mr. Collier stated that on one or two of the lighted driveways they use yellow lights. He

1 stated that the lights don't have to be bright where they would cause a glare. They just
2 want something as a marker so that people know where the intersection is. Mr. Amann
3 stated that it would be feasible to put lights on the pillars as long as you look at the
4 potential glare. He stated that you also have to address the sight distance issue for traffic
5 southbound on Western. You have to have a minimum distance for the cars to see each
6 other regardless of whether it is day or night. If you are traveling south on Western
7 Avenue, as you approach that intersection, if there is somebody on 207th Street who is
8 waiting to exit, those two drivers have to be able to see other cars. There is not enough
9 distance given the speed on Western Avenue for that to occur. You also can't see as well
10 as you should because of the shrubs within the right-of-way on Western Avenue just
11 before the intersection. Mr. Collier thought that based on what Mr. Amann stated that
12 having lights on the pillars would be better, because people would know where the
13 intersection is and that there could be vehicles exiting the intersection.

14
15 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Beautification Committee looked at this when the
16 Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association wanted to use their money to place lights
17 on the pillars. In order to get electricity to those two lamps, the easy fix was to run the
18 electricity from those two houses. Neither house was willing to do that. Trustee Ormsby
19 stated at that point, we looked at going across the street and burrowing underneath to get
20 electricity to those two pillars. That is very expensive to do that. She stated that you
21 would have to have an agreement with the homeowners in those two houses to run
22 electricity to those pillars. She doesn't know who those homeowners currently are. She
23 stated that it has to be ongoing. If those homeowners sell their homes, the next
24 homeowner has to be willing to do that or they can stop the electrical. She stated that in
25 Vienna Woods she pays for the lighting on her two sides. The cost is about \$150 a year.
26 ComEd told her what the cost would be.

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28 Mr. Collier inquired if they would be able to run a line to the pillars where the electric
29 line goes into those two homes. Mr. Alexa stated that is something that would have to be
30 discussed with ComEd. Trustee Ormsby stated that to burrow across the street it will cost
31 thousands and thousands of dollars. She didn't know if there were new homeowners in
32 those two homes. If there were new homeowners, perhaps they would be willing to do
33 this. Mr. Collier stated rather than depending on the consent of a neighbor and then
34 possibly having that person move, he believes it would be feasible that the line that feeds
35 the house can feed the pillars, and then pay an amount every year.

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37 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated ComEd should be consulted about this. Mr.
38 Amann stated that with ComEd you would have to arrange a service drop, a connection
39 point, where they connect onto their primary line and put up a connection point with a
40 meter on it. There would have to be an arrangement with ComEd as to who is going to
41 pay the account that goes with that meter. There would be charges for the trenching and
42 the cable, regardless of where you are coming from. The cost would depend on the
43 distance. A meter would have to be setup someplace to be able to access that for reading.
44 There would be electrical work at those pillars. You have to bring conduit up from
45 underneath the ground and into the top and put a fixture on there. He stated that it is not
46 impossible but it could be costly.

1 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that rather than speculating, she believes that an
2 estimate should be obtained from ComEd and bring that back before the Board at the
3 Board Meeting on December 13th.

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5 Mr. Collier inquired whether or not it would be feasible to have solar panels provide
6 lighting there. Mr. Amann stated that he is sure that there are solar panels that will do
7 that. The question is aesthetics because the solar panels tend to be rather big and they
8 have to be a certain angle from the sun. He has seen specs on solar powered coach lights
9 that you would have at the end of a driveway. They are 10 or 15 watt. The panel is the top
10 part of the fixture. They only have a burn time of six to eight hours. He stated that there is
11 a pretty high cost for that work, and there are limitations on the power you can get out of
12 that depending on the size of the panel that you put out there.

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14 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that we will ask for ComEd to be contacted and
15 ask for an estimate of what running electricity to those pillars would cost. She stated that
16 this will be before the Board on December 13th.

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18 Trustee Oliver stated that Mr. Amann recommended that the Village trim and remove
19 some of the underbrush along Western Avenue. He inquired of Mr. Alexa how much
20 right-of-way there is that can be trimmed back. Mr. Alexa stated that the State overall
21 right-of-way is 100 feet for Western Avenue. He stated that Public Works has trimmed
22 some of the underbrush on the north side. He stated that there are also some trees there. It
23 is questionable as to whether or not the trees are on the State right-of-way or on private
24 property.

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26 Administrator Mekarski asked Mr. Alexa to coordinate with ComEd and the Building
27 Commissioner, since he is a Certified Electrician, to see if we can get answers prior to the
28 December 13th Board Meeting.

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30 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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32 **James & Sons Retail Outlet Sign Agreement** – Trustee Gibson stated that the Sign
33 Commission along with President Jones and Administrator Mekarski has met on two
34 occasions with Mr. Sunderland from James & Sons. There is a Memorandum in the
35 Board Packet dated November 8th regarding this matter. Trustee Gibson stated that she
36 wanted Mr. Sunderland to explain to the Board what his intentions are.

37
38 Mr. John Sunderland stated that he is the President of James & Sons. He stated that with
39 the downturn in the economy at the end of 2008 they were forced to downsize and left the
40 community. Since that time, they have been at the store buying gold three days a week.
41 Their lease is up on March 31, 2011. They believe that there is a viable, ongoing business
42 there for them. He would like to put up temporary signage. They would like to be open
43 five days a week, possibly six. The store will have four to five full-time employees. A
44 family member will be at the store on most days. Mr. Sunderland stated that within 30
45 days of signing the new lease, James & Sons will purchase a permanent sign approved by
46 the plaza and the Village Board.

1 Administrator Mekarski stated that this was a work in progress on Friday while the Board
2 Packets were being compiled, and not all of the Sign Commission Members were present
3 to have a meeting in order to discuss recommendations. President Jones, Trustee Gibson,
4 John McDonnell and Administrator Mekarski were present. In the Board Packet is a letter
5 dated November 5th from Mr. Sunderland with his responses to various questions that
6 were posed by those individuals who were present. Copies of the banners are in the Board
7 Packet as well. The vinyl banner that would go on the parapet of the store states “James
8 & Sons Gold & Diamond Exchange.” Mr. Sunderland stated that a banner will be placed
9 where their permanent sign use to be. The remaining banners that state “Jewelry And
10 Watch Repair” and “We Buy Gold And Diamonds” are temporary banners that would be
11 placed at the ingress and egress at Vollmer Road and Governors Highway. Mr.
12 Sunderland is looking into erecting a banner frame that would provide a cleaner look and
13 could possibly be shared with Bizios to clean up the temporary signs overthere. These
14 banners are temporary and would only be until March of 2011. Between now and March
15 is the pilot period for this new concept store which would be called “James & Sons Gold
16 And Diamond Exchange.” The store will have jewelry but it will not carry the major
17 brands that it use to carry. During this time Mr. Sunderland will be negotiating a three to
18 five year lease with Mr. Bizios.

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20 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Sunderland if the proposed temporary
21 signage would be in lieu of the current live sign holders that he currently has. Mr.
22 Sunderland stated that it would. It was discussed with President Jones. He stated that the
23 “sidewalk signs” stating “Jewelry And Watch Repair” and “We Buy Gold And
24 Diamonds” are three feet high by two feet wide. They are on an easel. They are placed
25 out in the morning and taken in at night. They are kept clean. They would be in lieu of
26 any human sidewalk holders. Mr. Sunderland stated that they did have banners out there
27 for a time and they had to take those down. They were not renewed.

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29 Trustee Gibson stated that in our various meetings we have made some progress. She is
30 not in favor of Number 4 stated in the letter of November 5th for “Loaning money on a
31 mix of the same products.” Mr. Sunderland stated at the meeting that it was happening at
32 the store in Orland Park. Trustee Gibson stated that President Jones asked if she and her
33 husband would go to the store in Orland Park to see if it is obvious that it is happening
34 there. They couldn’t see anything that obviously said it was a pawn shop. At the meeting
35 last week they wanted to know how James & Sons was going to advertise for the pawn
36 business. They were going to call the business “J & S.” The Sign Commission did not
37 like that. They felt that if they were proud of their business they could call it “James &
38 Sons” instead of “J & S.” So they changed it to “James & Sons Gold & Diamond
39 Exchange.” Trustee Gibson stated that the diamond exchange in the western suburbs is
40 not a negative connotation of anything. The only thing they are having a problem with is
41 the banners that are not kept up, and the banners that don’t look good. That is the reason
42 for the new Sign Ordinance that is being prepared right now. She stated that we continue
43 to allow Bizios to have those small signs and they are not that attractive. She stated that
44 Mr. Sunderland is trying to redo his business. She stated that the Sign Commission could
45 go ahead and make the decision, but the Sign Commission wanted the Board to assist
46 them in making the decision.

1 Trustee Ormsby stated that she is a member of the Sign Commission and she was not at
2 the meeting on Friday. She stated that the live sign that he presented was so distasteful.
3 The Village received more complaints about that than probably anything else in the
4 Village. She was constantly approached on the street about that. She stated that was a
5 disappointment. James & Sons was a flagship store and to have that sign removed and
6 then come back with the live sign was very disappointing. The Village wants to keep
7 James & Sons in the Village. She knows how important it is for businesses to have signs.
8 She is hoping that this isn't something to get him through the end of December and then
9 he decides not to renew his lease. She hopes that this is a genuine attempt to bring the
10 store back to the Village. Trustee Ormsby stated that it would be very disappointing if the
11 Board allows this and then Mr. Sunderland doesn't renew his lease. She stated that the
12 Board tries very hard to work with everybody that wants to keep their business in the
13 Village. She and Trustee Gibson are trying to get an Ordinance in place that will fit
14 everybody's needs. She stated that item Number 4 in the letter is a concern to her as well.
15 She asked Mr. Sunderland to explain how he loans money to somebody who comes in.
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17 Mr. Sunderland stated that this is not a ploy to cash-in on a retail season and then leave.
18 He stated that this is an effort that is requiring a lot of attention. They are committed and
19 they will be there. As far as the loaning of money, he stated that was done the first 15 of
20 the 18 years that they were in the Village. They had a license from the State of Illinois to
21 loan money. They advertise in the yellow pages for that. He stated that it is not done
22 frequently. There are a number of jewelry stores in the Chicagoland market that no one
23 would know that they do that. It is a 30-day loan on a piece of jewelry, a diamond.
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25 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that in Mr. Sunderland's letter dated November
26 5th, under "Merchandise Mix," along with item Number 4, it had the feel of something
27 sinister because it states "We will not display unrelated items commonly sold in full scale
28 pawn brokers such as electronics and musical instruments." She stated that these are kept
29 in a backroom kind of thing.
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31 Mr. Sunderland stated that there is no intent to advertise to do any of that. Their
32 advertising will continue to be their core products. He stated that we repair, we sell, we
33 buy, we loan, and we appraise. He stated that when you are in that business interesting
34 things come along and you lend money on them. He is not going to sell and retail those
35 objects. He stated that eBay is where a lot of that stuff gets sold. He stated that he may
36 want it on a personal level.
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38 Trustee Oliver stated that we have been a little bit remiss in how we handle signage on
39 that corner. Due to the setback of the area itself, in order to attract business, something
40 has to be done so that people will look in that corner. He supposes that the signs are
41 necessary. But he finds the signs at Bizios so distasteful. He wanted to say something to
42 the Board about that at this meeting. He stated that the James & Sons signs are going to
43 have to be nicely done. He likes the idea that the signs will be taken in at the end of the
44 day. He understands the quandary that Mr. Sunderland is in.
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1 Mr. Sunderland stated that the signs are vinyl. You can clean them every day. They will
2 be kept very nice.

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4 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Sunderland if he had any prototype of
5 these signs anywhere so that the Board could see them. Trustee Gibson stated that she
6 had asked Mr. Sunderland to bring them this evening because this is a Board that likes
7 visuals.

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9 Mr. Sunderland stated that they sit right in front of all three of their stores every day.
10 Trustee Gibson stated that it is like a sandwich board. Mr. Sunderland stated that it is
11 weighted so that it is okay in the wind. He didn't have his keys to get into the store at
12 Olympia Fields on his way to the Board Meeting, so he couldn't bring any of the signs to
13 the meeting.

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15 Trustee Nale stated that she is a little skeptical about this whole plan that he is presenting
16 because of what she has seen in the past. It doesn't seem like what has occurred in the
17 past is something that she would personally want for the future in this Village. She thinks
18 that it is rather tacky.

19
20 Mr. Sunderland stated that he has some guilt about the sidewalk walkers. He apologized
21 for what that looks like in the Village. It chips away from his brand when they are there
22 holding that sign. He contacted the Village wanting his banners back. He didn't get any
23 response on that. He stated that the banners were pretty nice. He didn't have to pay them
24 \$10.00 an hour to be there holding them. He did make ovations to get his banners back
25 and not have those people there. He stated that there are gold buying places everywhere
26 now. It is a whole industry built around the gold prices being where they are. That was a
27 way he could try to pay the rent during this tough economic time. He had them in
28 Schererville, Indiana and in Orland Park. They banned the holders. They quit it as soon as
29 they started getting tickets. It was a scary time. They had bank pressure. His home is on
30 the line for all of their loans. It was a scary time to be in the retail jewelry business. He
31 stated that we did what we had to do.

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33 Trustee Ormsby stated that I think we had to ask you to reposition your banner without it
34 falling down, without it being torn, maybe five or six times. It was either falling or
35 rippling. The banners that you had were not to the Village's standard either. The last time
36 Mr. Sunderland came to the Village his Permit was not in order. She stated that we have
37 to be governed by something here. The Village couldn't continue to give you Permits
38 when you weren't following the Village's Ordinance. Trustee Ormsby stated that she
39 doesn't want this Board, or the members of the audience to think that the Village ignored
40 Mr. Sunderland, because it did not. The Village wanted him to stay in the Village. She
41 stated that we met with you before you left and we tried very hard to figure out a way that
42 we could keep you here. The slap in the face was the person standing with the sign. She
43 stated that no one likes what is happening with the economy. The Bizios signs got to stay
44 there because it was the only thing keeping his business open. Trustee Ormsby stated that
45 is why the Temporary Sign section of the Ordinance is being rewritten, so that we have
46 that Ordinance in place. She stated that we are willing to work with you.

1 Mr. Sunderland stated that he will commit to communicating with the Sign Commission
2 and the Board, and keep everything professional and up to standards.

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4 Trustee Pennington stated that it appears to him that Mr. Sunderland's new business
5 model is predicated upon this signage, and the period that he is asking the Board to
6 consider will determine whether or not that business model is a successful business
7 model. He inquired if he was correct in assuming that. Mr. Sunderland stated partially.
8 They have been there three days a week with a skeleton crew and we are still making
9 some money.

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11 Trustee Pennington stated that your commitment is after the first quarter of 2011, and it's
12 your intent to stay within the Village. Mr. Sunderland stated that it is. He stated that this
13 has taken time, effort, and focus on their part and they wouldn't be doing it if they didn't
14 think it was an ongoing entity.

15 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize James & Sons**
16 **Gold & Diamond Exchange a Temporary Sign Permit for the placement of a**
17 **parapet wall sign and two banner signs at the ingress and egress of the Olympia**
18 **Square Shopping Center at the Vollmer and Governors entrance, meeting the**
19 **location and specifications of the Village's Sign Commission for a period ending**
20 **April 30, 2011; and further authorize the Village President to enter into an**
21 **Operational Agreement to regulate the pawn activity associated with this business;**
22 **and further require James & Sons Gold & Diamond Exchange to come back before**
23 **the Board thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of their Temporary Sign Permit to**
24 **report their progress on opening a permanent store location with the permanent**
25 **signage per Village requirements.**

26
27 Trustee Pennington inquired as to why it is April 30th. Trustee Gibson stated 30 days after
28 March. Administrator Mekarski stated that Mr. Sunderland's request was that he would
29 be committing to a permanent sign 30 days after his first quarter. Trustee Pennington
30 stated that assumes he will do that. Administrator Mekarski stated that is why we would
31 ask him to come before the Board on March 30th. Mr. Sunderland stated that he will
32 presumably sign the lease April 1st. Administrator Mekarski stated that the Operational
33 Agreement could regulate the pawn activity. Trustee Pennington stated that is fine.

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

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36 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

37
38 **Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association Village-Wide Holiday Party Ticket**
39 **Sales** – President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that there is a Memo in the Board
40 Packet regarding the Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association Village-Wide
41 Holiday Party Ticket Sales. She stated that President Jones has suggested that since the
42 Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association has been able to garner the support and
43 participation of four or five other Homeowners Associations to co-sponsor the 2010
44 Holiday Party, that the Board authorizes the sale of tickets at the Village Office.

1 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the sale of**
2 **Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association Village-wide Holiday Party ticket**
3 **sales at the Village Hall and authorize placement of temporary signs at subdivision**
4 **entrances and Village Hall.**

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6 Trustee Gibson stated that she believes that the Board has the right to approve the sale of
7 the tickets at Village Hall. She questions if the Board has the right to authorize the
8 placement of the signs in subdivisions. She believes that would be left up to the
9 Homeowners Associations. Trustee Pennington stated that he believes that is correct. He
10 knows that signs are not permitted in Graymoor. Trustee Gibson stated that it would be a
11 case by case basis. Last year a representative from the Olympia Fields East Homeowners
12 Association went to the other Homeowners Associations and asked them if they could put
13 a sign up.

14
15 Mr. Collier stated that it isn't necessary to put in the Motion the right to put the signs up.
16 They will get the consent from the different Homeowners Associations before they do
17 anything. He stated that there is a meeting with the Presidents of the Homeowners
18 Associations on November 10th.

19
20 Administrator Mekarski stated that rather than withdrawing the Motion, he understands
21 that you need the approval of the Homeowners Associations. They are in the public right-
22 of-way. Temporary Signs are governed by the Village's Ordinance and by the Sign
23 Commission. He stated that the Motion could be amended to say to authorize the sale of
24 the OFEHA Village-wide Holiday Party Ticket Sales at the Village Hall and authorize
25 placement of Temporary Signs at subdivision entrances following Homeowners
26 Associations approval and at the Village Hall. Trustee Gibson stated that she agreed with
27 that. Trustee Oliver agreed with it as well.

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29 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mr. Collier if he could identify the Homeowners
30 Associations that agreed to come aboard on this. Mr. Collier stated that Olympia Club,
31 Maynegaite, Hawthorne Woods, and Lakes of Olympia have come on board. He stated
32 that they have people on their committee from different Homeowners Associations.
33 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Pennington to authorize the sale of**
34 **the Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association Village-Wide Holiday Party**
35 **Ticket Sales at the Village Hall and authorize placement of Temporary Signs at**
36 **subdivision entrances following Homeowners Associations approval and the Village**
37 **Hall.**

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

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

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42 **GIS Based Pavement Management System – Authorization to utilize Unencumbered**
43 **Fund Balance in the MFT Fund not to exceed \$39,000.00 –** Mr. Edward Rudd with
44 Robinson Engineering stated that he is the head of the GIS Department. Mr. Rudd stated
45 that he is here this evening to discuss using technology to manage the roadway. This is a
46 system where there is video aimed at the pavement. The videos collect the information as

1 they drive the normal speed limits throughout the Village. There are lasers pointing down
2 at the ground to pick up the roughness and the imperfections in the profile of the street.
3 All of this information is downloaded into a database which then is brought into a
4 Pavement Management System. It uses the information from the video. It figures the
5 percentage of cracking for each street segment. It uses the roughness from the lasers to
6 come up with an overall condition index. Once you get the information in the system, you
7 can project the condition of the roadway in the future. You use IDOT formulas. There is a
8 deterioration curve for different types of pavement. He stated that most of what we are
9 talking about is asphalt. You can use the system to go out 20 years in the future and give
10 a report based on the amount of money that you are currently spending, and it will tell
11 you what the proposed condition is of the streets. The savings come into play when you
12 catch these deteriorations before it gets to the rehabilitation stage. He stated that it is four
13 times more expensive to do a total reconstruct.

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15 Administrator Mekarski stated that this gives Joe Alexa a tool to properly manage and
16 maintain the roads. It also gives the Finance Committee and this Board some insight as to
17 what we need for capital improvement spending beyond the limitations that are provided
18 by the State for the Motor Fuel Tax.

19
20 Mr. Rudd stated that GIS stands for Geographic Information System. He stated that there
21 is data on a database that is connected to a map. You can run all these calculations in the
22 database, but you can visually show it in an exhibit.

23
24 Trustee Oliver stated that if he understands Mr. Rudd correctly, driving along our Village
25 Streets at 30 miles an hour, the GIS can pickup road conditions and actually map it out to
26 tell us the conditions of that road. Mr. Rudd stated that is correct. He stated that
27 “Alligator Cracking” is the type of fine cracking that you see in some pavement. The
28 system will tell you that between Block A and Block B there is 40% Alligator Cracking
29 with a medium severity. It does it for every single road in the Village. It also tells you the
30 roughness of the road to come up with the overall condition index.

31
32 Trustee Ormsby stated that she would like to hear from Joe Alexa regarding this
33 technology. Mr. Alexa stated that he truly recommends this. He stated that it will
34 definitely help his department out. He stated that supplying us with all this data is truly
35 valuable. It will give them information so that they know exactly what they need to do,
36 not just in the following year but in years to come. He stated that is very, very important.
37 Right now they just go out every year and take a look at the streets and try to pick out the
38 worse ones. This will let him know what needs to be done so that information can be
39 brought to the Board. Trustee Oliver stated that it will let you know how much of the
40 road is involved. Mr. Alexa stated that it will then be based on cost as far as what the
41 Village can afford to do.

42
43 Trustee Pennington stated that from a financial perspective it will give us specific
44 ammunition with which to budget not only in the present sense but in the future. He
45 stated that our 2030 Analysis with respect to our roads and Public Works System, those

1 numbers will be truer numbers as a result of this project. He highly recommends that the
2 Board take action on this tonight.

3
4 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. Rudd if the GIS is something that only Robinson
5 Engineering offers or if other companies offer it as well. Mr. Rudd stated that there are
6 other companies that offer it. Trustee Ormsby inquired of the Board if this is something
7 that we need to look into further to see if there is competitive pricing with this. She is just
8 asking. She stated that \$39,000.00 seems like a lot of money. She doesn't know if it is or
9 it isn't.

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11 Trustee Pennington stated that we could do that but we have a known company here. He
12 does not see the need for going out and getting other bids. He stated that we are looking
13 at something like this for Metra and \$39,000.00 is nothing compared to what those
14 numbers are. Trustee Ormsby stated that this is the first time she is hearing about it and
15 she has no expertise on the number.

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17 Mr. Rudd stated that a good part of that number is a per mile cost of picking up the
18 inspection data which Robinson Engineering does not do. There are only a few
19 companies that do this type of work of driving the video. The only variable would be
20 their actual cost to take that data and put it into the system and run the model. Trustee
21 Ormsby stated that is very helpful.

22
23 Trustee Oliver inquired of Mr. Rudd if the software is constantly updated. Mr. Rudd
24 stated that you do your initial inspection. It is suggested that every four to five years you
25 reinspect. At that time it won't be this amount of money. It is just the cost of inspecting it
26 again. It would be approximately half of \$39,000.00.

27
28 Trustee Oliver inquired of Mr. Rudd as to who is using this now. Mr. Rudd stated that
29 Tinley Park has been using it for quite some time. South Holland has been using it.
30 Trustee Pennington stated that the South Holland graph clearly outlines the savings that
31 this project provides.

32
33 Mr. Alexa stated that this cost would be funded through the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.
34 Administrator Mekarski stated that currently there is an unencumbered amount of
35 \$425,000.00 in that fund. He stated that Mr. Alexa monitors the engineering costs for
36 Baxter & Woodman and Robinson Engineering. If you look at their estimated
37 engineering costs and their actual charges, those costs are less than what was projected to
38 the Board and that is for the majority of the projects.

39 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to authorize the Village President**
40 **to enter into an Agreement to approve GIS based Pavement Management System –**
41 **authorization to utilize Unencumbered Fund Balance in the MFT Fund not to**
42 **exceed \$39,000.00.**

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

Motion Carried.

1 **Authorization for Robinson Engineering to initiate preliminary engineering for the**
2 **2011 MFT Road Paving Project including Country Club Drive and The Traditions**
3 **Roadway in compliance with IDOT Cost Schedules** – Administrator Mekarski stated
4 that he has been working with President Jones, Trustee Pennington, and Mr. Alexa on
5 these issues. He stated that we have been exploring a \$2,100,000.00 Cross Connection
6 Study that will deliver water east and west across the Country Club. This will provide a
7 great public benefit to the Village to balance our water towers and ensure adequate water
8 pressure during drought conditions, and ensure adequate fire flows for the management
9 of the Water System. A detailed Financial Analysis was done. He stated that we have
10 figured out a business plan which will take the Village’s share of \$1,050,000.00 and it
11 will not be a burden on the residential taxpayer and/or the residential user. There would
12 be no increase in the water rates or in taxes. The water main is projected to go underneath
13 the roadway of Country Club Drive to minimize the disturbance of the trees and the
14 residential grass and shrubbery along Country Club Drive.

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16 Administrator Mekarski stated that typically our road projects are garnered out to Baxter
17 & Woodman. The Village needs Robinson Engineering to handle the paving of Country
18 Club Drive. That is going to be an overall bid for all road paving projects next year,
19 Traditions Drive SSA, Country Club Drive, possibly Oak Lane, and then the MFT
20 Projects. President Jones, Mr. Alexa, and Administrator Mekarski are recommending that
21 Robinson Engineering should take the lead for all road projects for next year. The first
22 Motion authorizes Engineering Services for Robinson Engineering to initiate preliminary
23 engineering for the two 2011 MFT Road Paving Projects, including the paving of
24 Country Club Drive and the Traditions Roadway, with all work to be performed in
25 compliance with the IDOT Cost Schedules that Mr. Alexa is going to recommend for the
26 MFT Program. Administrator Mekarski stated that the second Motion is relative to doing
27 the preliminary engineering before the snow flies for the Cross Connection Study, the
28 staking and surveying for that water facility. The Village is in the final stages of
29 negotiations. The Village will meet with the Bond Counsel on November 18th. The Cross
30 Connection Project should be coming before the Board in a Memorandum of
31 Understanding in December. The Bonds would be ready to be sold sometime in January.
32 Administrator Mekarski stated that President Jones believes that this provides efficiencies
33 and effectiveness for one engineer to receive the economies of scale. Otherwise, you have
34 multiple engineering firms and separated bids and you won’t get the economies achieved.

35
36 Trustee Gibson stated that she was under the impression that the Village could not use
37 MFT money to put a final lift on streets. Mr. Alexa stated that you can use MFT Funds
38 for resurfacing. Trustee Gibson stated that at one of the meetings, either President Jones
39 or Administrator Mekarski stated that you couldn’t use MFT Funds for putting the final
40 lift on The Traditions streets. Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village is not using
41 the MFT Funds for The Traditions streets. He stated that Trustee Gibson is correct. He
42 stated that Traditions Road has not been accepted by the Village because of its condition.
43 Traditions will be paid for one of two ways, either by the Special Service Area which will
44 require a separate Bond, or the Grant. Administrator Mekarski stated that President Jones
45 is suggesting that Mr. Alexa takes the MFT Funds to do MFT Resurfacing Projects. The

1 Country Club Drive Project will be paid by a combination of MFT and the Olympia
2 Fields Country Club.

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4 Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski why The Traditions roadway is in
5 with the MFT. Administrator Mekarski stated that it should state “with said funds coming
6 from the Unencumbered Monies from the MFT Account for all MFT eligible projects,
7 and monies for the paving of Traditions Drive coming from the proceeds of the SSA
8 Bond Fund or Grant.” Administrator Mekarski stated that it was an error from his office.
9 He thanked Trustee Gibson for catching the error.

10 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to authorize the Village**
11 **President to enter into an Engineering Services Agreement with Robinson**
12 **Engineering to initiate preliminary engineering for the 2011 MFT Road Paving**
13 **Projects, including the paving of Country Club Drive and The Traditions Roadway,**
14 **with all work to be performed in compliance with IDOT Cost Schedules; with said**
15 **funds coming from the unencumbered monies of the MFT Fund for the MFT**
16 **eligible projects, and monies for The Traditions Drive coming from the SSA Bond**
17 **Fund or Grant.**

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

19
20 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to authorize the Village**
21 **President to enter into an Engineering Services Agreement with Robinson**
22 **Engineering to initiate preliminary engineering and fieldwork for the**
23 **“Village/Olympia Fields County Club (OFCC) Water Line Cross Connection**
24 **Project” in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; with said funds coming from the**
25 **Unencumbered Fund Balance of the Village’s Water Fund with the understanding**
26 **that 50% of the costs will be reimbursed from the Olympia Fields Country Club**
27 **(OFCC).**

28
29 Administrator Mekarski wanted to make a caveat to Mr. Rudd to take back to Russ
30 Prekwas. He stated that we do not have the final cost on that and there is a wide range.
31 Mr. Prekwas had indicated that it could be anywhere from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00.
32 Administrator Mekarski stated that he would like Mr. Prekwas to get it on the lower side
33 rather than the upper side.

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

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36 There were members of the public present in the audience but no one wished to address
37 the Board. President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at
38 8:33 P.M.

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40 **FINANCE:**

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42 **August 2010 Financial Statements – Corporate Fund -** Trustee Pennington stated that
43 we are four months into our 2010 Budget. This evening he will be reporting the financial
44 results for the month of August. With regard to the Corporate Fund, the realized income
45 for August was \$312,604.62 against a budgeted sum of \$254,433.39, or 19% above Plan.
46 The Village realized revenue increases in the following Revenue Line Items: Sales Tax

1 Revenue was up 4% in August. The Village didn't budget for Real Estate Tax Revenue in
2 August, but the Village received a significant amount. That was 100% of Budget. The
3 State Income Tax Revenue was up 12.5%. RedFlex was really surprising. It was up 93%
4 for this period. The Utility Tax Revenue increased by 3.1% in this period. The Village
5 was reimbursed for expenses incurred for its involvement this past summer in the "Jazz in
6 the Park" event. The Village's expenses for this period on balance were consistent with
7 the prior month. Even though the Village budgeted for a deficit, the deficit was offset by
8 the revenue increases previously cited. The Village's budgeted expenses were
9 \$299,321.18 against actual incurred expenses in the amount of \$303,581.91, or 1.4% over
10 Plan. The total fund balance actual was a surplus in the amount of \$9,022.71. The fiscal
11 year to date actual plus encumbrance, is a deficit in the amount of \$400,835.71. Trustee
12 Pennington stated that is due to the fact that there were capital expenditures which are
13 pass-through items coming from the Village's revenue items into our expenses.

14
15 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with regard to the Water Fund the Village
16 Budgeted the sum of \$91,735.50 in revenues and realized \$123,543.20 in actual revenue,
17 or 74% above Plan. With regard to expenses in this fund, the sum of \$99,823.96 was
18 budgeted, and the Village realized the sum of \$99,965.55 in actual expenses, or
19 fourteen- hundreds of a percent above Plan. This resulted in a \$23,577.65 surplus versus
20 an August Budget amount of a negative \$8,088.46. The fiscal year to date plus
21 encumbrance in the Water Fund is a surplus in the amount of \$440,460.55.

22
23 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that with regard to the Sewer Fund, the Village
24 realized surplus balances in this fund for August. The total fund surplus actual was
25 \$511,800.11 against a budgeted sum of \$597,599.96. The fiscal year to date actual plus
26 encumbrance in this fund is a surplus in the amount of \$76,930.63.

27
28 Trustee Oliver stated that he noticed on the investment income that the Village had
29 budgeted for the month of August \$8,300.00, but the Village realized \$998.00 instead.
30 Trustee Pennington stated that is the sign of the times. The Village is not getting the 2%,
31 2.5%, 3% returns. They are a little lower now.

32
33 **Finance Committee Meeting** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Finance Committee
34 met on November 3rd with the Audit Team from Sikich, Gardner, & Co. LLP. Brian
35 LaFreve will be making the Audit Presentation before the Board in December. Trustee
36 Pennington stated that he is happy to state that the Village received an unqualified
37 opinion from Sikich, Gardner, & Co. LLP. This is the highest opinion that the Village can
38 receive on the Audit.

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40 **BUILDING:**

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42 **Ordinance #2010-18** – Trustee Ormsby stated that we have an amendment to Ordinance
43 #2010-18. Upon review there were two paragraphs that created a significant loophole.
44 She is asking for a Motion to amend that Ordinance. She stated that there is a
45 Memorandum in the Board Packet.

1 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to approve in First and Second**
2 **Reading, Ordinance 2010-18 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article IV,**
3 **“Tree Preservation and Protection and Landscape Plans,” Section 6-102(e), of the**
4 **Olympia Fields Village Code.**

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

6
7 **Resolution #2010-11** – Trustee Ormsby stated that the second item is Resolution #2010-
8 11 – A Resolution accepting certain public improvements and releasing a Letter of Credit
9 for the Olympia Club. Trustee Ormsby stated that she was going to have Administrator
10 Mekarski speak about this. A punch list has been completed for Olympia Club. The top
11 course of asphalt and the curb replacement are the last items to be done and they have
12 been completed.

13
14 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Olympia Club Subdivision was a little bit out of
15 sequence due to the recession. Typically, the top course would not have been done until
16 there were 70% or 85% of permitted homes so as not to cause wear and tear on the top
17 course. With the recession it stretched out that period. They could have lost the base
18 course. The developer did the top course about a year ago. There was one area where the
19 ground sloughed off and caused sinkage on the pavement. The curb and the pavement
20 have been corrected. Mr. Langon, President of the Olympia Club Homeowners
21 Association stated that it had been corrected to the satisfaction of the residents. Baxter &
22 Woodman and Joe Alexa went through the subdivision. They both recommended taking
23 down the remaining Letter of Credit which is \$603,302.04 and reducing it down to zero,
24 and not requiring a one year maintenance bond which it typically did because it has been
25 a year since the top course was put down and the pavement has been corrected. There is a
26 Letter of Recommendation from Baxter & Woodman and John McDonnell in the Board
27 Packet. The Resolution was prepared by the Village Attorney.

28 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to approve Resolution**
29 **2010-11 – A Resolution accepting certain public improvements and releasing a**
30 **Letter of Credit (Olympia Club) authorized and formally accept such improvements**
31 **as dedicated elements of our public infrastructure system; and authorize the Village**
32 **Attorney to complete all legal requirements, thereof.**

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

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35 **PLANNING:**

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37 Trustee Gibson stated that she has no other formal report other than what we have already
38 spoken about.

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40 **PUBLIC WORKS: (CONTINUED)**

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42 Trustee Oliver stated that the Board completed his item earlier.

1 one route, she is wondering if that means that this is where it would go. She stated that
2 we don't have many choices. Administrator Mekarski stated that is what we presume. He
3 wants to discuss with Pace if there will be any changes to any other bus routes to the
4 Village. Administrator Mekarski inquired of Trustee Pennington if he had any insight
5 into whether Pace will be in a position to expand any routes.
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7 Trustee Pennington stated that he doesn't have any firsthand knowledge on whether or
8 not they intend to decrease or increase any of their routes. He stated that it is a separate
9 transportation entity.
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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Kiss and Ride is managed under the South
12 Suburban Mass Transit Authority. The Village takes the responsibility of the
13 snowplowing there even though it is in Matteson. He believes that there are grounds
14 because it is part of the Village's Agreement that the Sign Commission could talk about
15 the type of shelter it would want at the Kiss and Ride and the type of signage. As far as
16 the revenue, he would have to evaluate that with the Village Attorney and Jim McCabe as
17 to whether or not the revenue should go to Matteson or to the Village since it has taken
18 on the responsibility of the snowplowing. He believes that the Board could argue that the
19 Village controls the location and the revenue since it takes on the financial cost of the
20 snowplowing and limited grass cutting.
21

22 Trustee Gibson inquired if the Kiss and Ride is on Metra property. Administrator
23 Mekarski stated that it is on Metra property but it is in the jurisdiction of Matteson.
24 Trustee Pennington stated that he believes that this comes under the purview of the South
25 Suburban Mass Transit District and any question of jurisdiction would come under their
26 purview. He is in agreement with Administrator Mekarski that the Village should receive
27 the revenue since the Village is paying the cost for the snowplowing and the limited grass
28 cutting.
29

30 Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski that when she sees people standing
31 along Vollmer waiting on a bus if those are bus stops. Administrator Mekarski stated that
32 an associate from Pace confirmed that is the only bus route for the Village. Trustee
33 Gibson stated that the people wait on the south side of Kedzie and Vollmer by
34 Walgreen's. Trustee Oliver stated that there is one at the corner of Lincoln Highway and
35 Brookwood Drive by the medical center. It is not on this schedule. Trustee Pennington
36 stated that there is one across the street as well.
37

38 Administrator Mekarski believes that the Sign Commission should evaluate this. He
39 stated that we can get clarification on the bus routes from Pace. We can find out how
40 many shelters would be available. The Sign Commission can bring back
41 recommendations to the Board on shelter locations and the type of shelter. He can find
42 out legally if the Village can garner the benefit of the shelter at the Kiss and Ride. He
43 stated that this could be before the Board at the Board Meeting on December 13th. He can
44 work with Trustee Gibson and Trustee Ormsby to evaluate bus routes, check the legality
45 on whether or not the Village can garner the benefit of the shelter at the Kiss and Ride,

1 and look at shelter locations, and the type of shelters, and come back on the 13th for
2 authorization by the Village President.

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4 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that the Motion would be to authorize the
5 Village President to execute the Advertising Transit Shelter Agreement with the
6 Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority; and further authorize
7 the Building Department and Sign Commission to work with Pace on site location and
8 identification of shelter type at the various sites within the Village of Olympia Fields; and
9 to include the Kiss and Ride location in the Village of Matteson.

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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that in light of the discussion, cross out the first section of
12 the Motion “authorizing the Village President to execute the Advertising Transit Shelter
13 Agreement with the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority,”
14 and start with “to authorize the Building Department and the Sign Commission to work
15 with Pace on site location and identification of shelter type.” He stated that the second
16 part of the Motion authorizes the Sign Commission to begin working on this between
17 now and December 13th.

18 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the Building**
19 **Department and the Sign Commission to work with Pace on site location and**
20 **identification of shelter type at the various sites within the Village of Olympia**
21 **Fields, and to include the Kiss and Ride location in the Village of Matteson.**

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

23
24 **Resolution #2010-09** – Administrator Mekarski stated that about two weeks ago the
25 Village received notice on the possibility of a housing collaborative being managed by
26 Janice Morrissy of South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA). He
27 stated that we put in some of our housing objectives which we were denied by the
28 Governor previously in our collaborative effort to fight the foreclosure crisis. The
29 original Application for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) included
30 repaving The Traditions Drive, trying to get money to repair the Fire Suppression System
31 in The Traditions, that was a foreclosed subdivision, and addressing the acquisition and
32 rehabilitation of five homes. These monies were from an unencumbered 2008 FEMA
33 Disaster Assistance Money which the Federal Government appropriated to the State of
34 Illinois. The Governor is allowing these funds to be reappropriated for housing and
35 foreclosure assistance through this Grant process with the DCEO. He stated that for
36 competitive reasons we dropped the Application for the repair of The Traditions Fire
37 Suppression System. The Village also dropped purchasing and doing rehab on the five
38 foreclosed homes because there was a limited amount of cash and it didn’t look like the
39 Village was going to achieve those objectives.

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41 Administrator Mekarski stated that the home at 7 Graymoor is a historic Keck & Keck
42 Home. It is one of the finest examples of midcentury, modern Keck & Keck in all of
43 Chicagoland. It was built with one-inch clad slate walls and steel eyebeams. The Village
44 put in an Application for the purchase and rehab of that home. It would be \$150,000.00 to
45 purchase it and \$250,000.00 to rehabilitate it with the proviso that we would dedicate it to
46 a nonprofit organization. The Board could decide later if it went to Irons Oaks, or the

1 Village, or the Chicago Architectural Society. The Village put the Application in and got
2 news the next day that the home is under contract. The Grant Agency stated that the
3 Village would have to decide the nonprofit use upfront. It would be unlikely to be funded
4 unless it was a Senior Center. Because it was under contract, the Village withdrew the
5 Application. The Application is for the \$350,000.00 for The Traditions roadway. The
6 Village received word on Friday that the Village just has to prove that 51% of the
7 residents in The Traditions are 62 years or older. This doesn't guarantee the funds, but
8 the Village met all the criteria and it is being deliberated by the State. This Resolution
9 withdraws the Graymoor Project and limits it to the \$350,000.00 for The Traditions road
10 paving.

11 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve Resolution #2010-**
12 **09 – Resolution of the Village of Olympia Fields supporting the South Suburban**
13 **Housing Collaborative and South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association's**
14 **Application to the State of Illinois for a CDBG Disaster Recovery Program Grant.**

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

16
17 **Resolution #2010-10 – A Resolution providing for the abolition of the position of**
18 **elected Village Clerk and the establishment of the position of appointed Village**
19 **Clerk** – Administrator Mekarski stated that President Jones brought this up to the Board
20 about two years ago for consideration and discussion. It is being brought before the
21 Board this evening for two reasons. A clerical error was discovered between the Village
22 and the Office of Elections. When the Clerk took office and submitted the Petition for a
23 term of office, the paperwork should have been filed with the Cook County Board of
24 Elections to fill out the remaining term of Jeff Cohn. The term should have expired in
25 2009. The current Village Clerk came on board in 2007. What was filed with the Board
26 of Elections should have been for two years. The Clerk's Office runs parallel with the
27 President's term. It is out of sequence. The paperwork was accepted by David Orr's
28 Office for a four-year term expiring in 2011. The Village had to address this by
29 Ordinance or Resolution acknowledging the error of either the County's Office or the
30 Village's, or both, and allow our current elected Clerk to run for two years to get the
31 Village back into sequence, and/or consider the Resolution. The Resolution is only
32 permitted for communities with a population fewer than 5,000. The Village is still under
33 the census of 2000 which lists the Village's population as being over 4,000. Once the
34 preliminary results of the new census come out in January, the Village will more than
35 likely have more than 5,000 people residing in the Village, and the Resolution will no
36 longer be available.

37
38 Administrator Mekarski stated that President Jones is asking the Board to consider
39 abolishing the elected clerk and to create an appointed clerk. That gives the full right of
40 this body to still extend a service contract to Judi Rangel, or it could be to another
41 individual. The Board could take Applications. It is the Board's prerogative. The Board
42 can set the salary and the term. He stated that the nice thing about the State Statute is
43 once a community under 5,000 enacts this, when they get over 5,000 it doesn't repeal
44 itself. It stays current on the books. He understands that this is a big subject to put on for
45 First Reading, but President Jones wanted to move quickly on it because the Board's
46 option would be eliminated.

1 Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski if there was a mistake where it says
2 “State law provides for the Clerk’s Office to run concurrent with the Office of the
3 President which expires April 30, 2011.” She inquired if it should state, “Which expired
4 April 30, 2009.” Administrator Mekarski stated if you are going forward it would be
5 April 30, 2013. If you are going backwards it would be April 30, 2009. He stated that you
6 can state “State Law provides for the Clerk’s Office to run concurrent with the Office of
7 the President.” Trustee Gibson stated that we should say that because the others do not
8 sound right to her.

9 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve Resolution No.**
10 **2010-10- A Resolution providing for the abolition of the position of Elected Village**
11 **Clerk and the establishment of the position of Appointed Village Clerk.**

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

13
14 **Variance to amend the Sewer Rehabilitation Project Loan Agreement – 2608 Athens**
15 **Road** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the last item is for a variance to amend the
16 Sewer Rehabilitation Project Loan Agreement for 2608 Athens Road. There is a letter
17 from the homeowner in the Board Packet. There is a report from the contractor stating
18 that there was \$4,200.00 worth of work to do, along with an additional \$1,300.00 for
19 some outside connections. The homeowner setup an arrangement to pay the Village
20 \$160.00 per month. The homeowner is still in a bit of difficulty and has asked to modify
21 the Agreement to \$160.00 every two months for a term of 18 months, at which time it
22 will revert to the original Agreement of \$160.00 a month until the balance is paid in full.
23 There is a Letter of Appeal dated November 3rd. Cindy Saenz has indicated that the
24 homeowner has been making a good faith effort on the Agreement. Administrator
25 Mekarski stated that legally we need to have an Amended Agreement signed and have it
26 recorded in the Clerk’s Office in Cook County. There is a lien on the property for the full
27 amount.

28 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize Administration**
29 **to process an amendment to the Agreement to repay (Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation**
30 **Loan) consistent with the terms stated in the correspondence of November 3, 2010;**
31 **with said amendment to the Agreement to be drafted by the Village’s Legal Counsel**
32 **and duly filed with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds.**

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34 Administrator Mekarski asked President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin to add at the end of the
35 Motion “for the address of 2608 Athens Road.”

36 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize Administration to**
37 **process an amendment to the Agreement to repay (Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation**
38 **Loan) consistent with the terms stated in the correspondence of November 3, 2010;**
39 **with said amendment to the Agreement to be drafted by the Village’s Legal Counsel**
40 **and duly filed with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds for the property located at**
41 **2608 Athens Road, Olympia Fields.**

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

1 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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3 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have a report from President
4 Jones this evening.

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6 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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8 The Board did not have any Unfinished Business to discuss this evening.

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10 **PUBLIC SAFETY: (CONTINUED)**

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12 **Emergency Preparedness Test** – President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that at the
13 last Board Meeting she spoke about the Emergency Preparedness Test that would take
14 place on December 4th with regard to the Public Safety Department and the surrounding
15 communities. She stated at that time we were going to notify residents through the Code
16 Red System that the test would be held on December 4th. The exercise is not going to be
17 as extensive as it was originally presented, so there is no need to notify the residents.

18
19 **Code Red** – President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that she wants to encourage
20 residents to sign-up for the Code Red System on the Village’s Website so that they can be
21 notified through the Reverse 911 System via e-mail, text message, through their cell
22 phone or their land line.

23
24 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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26 **Blue Spruces for Stamper Park** - Trustee Ormsby stated that the Beautification
27 Committee was made aware that they had the opportunity to buy four, wonderful
28 conifers. They are Blue Spruces. The asking price is about \$250.00. She stated that they
29 get them for \$45.00. She would like to put them in the Stamper Park area.

30
31 Trustee Pennington stated that he has not seen a signed Agreement between the Village
32 and Metra on that property. There is a Metra Board Meeting on November 12th and he
33 will check on that and let Trustee Ormsby know.

34
35 **Fire at Danube** – Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski if he knew
36 anything about the outcome of the fire on Danube. Administrator Mekarski stated that
37 Chief Chudwin met with the residents that came back from their vacation. There has been
38 no determination as to the cause of the fire. There was a suspicion that a candle may have
39 been left burning. A brother of one of the occupants was staying at the home. He was in
40 the hospital. The home is boarded up. No one is allowed to enter the building due to
41 structural failure of the floor and the roof. The fire pretty much consumed the interior of
42 the home at multiple points. The family lost two cats.

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44 Trustee Gibson stated that she understands there was a water main break there as a result
45 of the fire. Administrator Mekarski stated that typically during fires, when the fire
46 department either turns on the water too fast, or turns it off too fast, it causes a

