

1 Chairman Isaac Ingram they got the word out and the room was packed. There were Veterans
2 from every branch of the service.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that they did something very lovely this year. The
5 Veterans brought in pictures of themselves when they were in the service in their uniforms, as
6 well as a picture of them today. The pictures were on a display table. She stated that it was such a
7 hit. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that one of our schools sent about 30-children to the
8 event. They were able to listen to the Veterans that spoke about their service, about their love of
9 the country, and about what dedication and commitment it takes. She stated that it was
10 heartwarming, and to top it off there was a gentleman that sang all of the songs from all of the
11 branches of the service. Everyone sang along. The gentleman sang "God Bless America." He
12 was great. Village President Meyers-Martin stated that it was just a lovely, lovely day. She
13 thanked the Community Relations Committee and the Veterans Committee. Most of all she
14 thanks the Veterans who live in the Village. They are so enthusiastic about this Committee and
15 about working with the Village. She stated that she is very happy that we now have that
16 Committee in place.

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18 There were members of the public in the audience; however no one wished to address the Board.
19 Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:07 P.M.

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21 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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23 **5(A) Recommendation for Final Waiver of Lien and Payment of Invoice #17057 to Site**
24 **Services, Inc. for work completed in connection with the 203rd Street METRA Parking Lot**
25 **Seal Coating and Re-striping Project in the amount of \$25,447.59.**

26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we have on the Consent Agenda item 5(A).

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28 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired whether or not any of the Trustees wanted to remove
29 that item from the Consent Agenda. None of the Trustees indicated that they wanted to remove
30 the item from the Consent Agenda.

31 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Byrd to approve Consent Agenda Item 5(A).**
32 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

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34 **FINANCE:**

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36 **Finance Committee Report** – Trustee Byrd stated that the Finance Committee met on
37 November 5th with Sikich and did a preliminary review of the Audit. Sikich will be presenting
38 the Audit probably at the next Board Meeting.

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40 Trustee Byrd stated that at the last Board Meeting, Trustee Oliver had a question about the
41 amount of dollars that was received from the Customs Seizures. That amount was \$47,000.00.

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43 Trustee Oliver inquired of Trustee Byrd whether or not that was since January of this year.
44 Trustee Byrd stated no, since this Budget Year for 2013 and 2014, \$47,000.00 has been received.
45 Trustee Oliver thanked Trustee Byrd for that information.

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1 **BUILDING:**

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3 There was no report in Trustee Hudson's absence.

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5 **PLANNING:**

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7 Trustee Oliver stated that he did not have a Formal Report this evening.

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9 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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11 **LED Street Lighting** - Trustee Waite stated that he did not have a Formal Report this evening.
12 Trustee Waite stated that they did get the sample LED Lights installed at the Metra Parking Lot.
13 They put up three LED lights in an area where you could compare them to what is already there.
14 The light bulbs that were in the fixtures were 250 watts. The LED's were 80-watts. They have
15 been doing a study on the idea of replacing all of the lights in the Village with LED's. They
16 figure there is less than a three-year payback on expense involved in doing that.

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18 Trustee Waite stated that one of the things that he noticed when he went over to look at them
19 after dark; the LED lights were brighter than the 250-watt fixtures. He doesn't believe that is a
20 problem in the parking lot. Trustee Waite stated that if you are in a neighborhood and you are
21 concerned about the brightness of the street lights, one of the advantages of the LED's is that
22 they can be adjusted. The light from an LED bulb is focused in a particular direction. He stated
23 that with an incandescent you have a 360-degree radiation of the light from the bulb. You have to
24 put in reflectors and do other things to keep the light going in the right direction. He stated that
25 with the LED's you have maybe 12 LED bulbs and you can actually adjust them all to keep the
26 light out of peoples windows if they were on a particular street. Trustee Waite stated that the
27 light was phenomenal. Trustee Waite inquired whether or not anyone else went over to see them.

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she saw them when Trustee Waite did. Trustee
30 Waite stated that Mr. Martin was there also.

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32 Trustee Waite stated that they were amazingly brighter at 80-watts compared to the 250-watts.
33 He stated that a three-year payback to do the work of replacing them all over the Village is
34 phenomenal. Trustee Waite stated that we got a chance to make use of our boom truck without
35 having to go out and find somebody to operate it. It took about an hour to replace all three bulbs
36 in that area which is good from an installation standpoint. The LED's can last maybe as long as
37 15-years, whereas the compact, fluorescent bulbs are somewhere around nine or 10-years. They
38 are a lot more efficient in terms of the cost of operating the light electrically. He stated that they
39 are getting more light with an 80-watt bulb than what they were with the 250-watt bulb. They
40 may be able to go with a 60-watt bulb. Trustee Waite took pictures after dark of the current lights
41 with the 250-watt bulb and the LED's. He stated that it was the difference between night and
42 day. It was just spectacular. He stated that they don't need Board approval according to the
43 Village Attorney to change out those lights.

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45 Trustee Waite stated that the State has Grant Money available for doing improvements in
46 lighting. He believes that the Village could do that in this Fiscal Year. He stated that they will
47 have a formal proposal. The Board doesn't have to vote on it if it doesn't want to. Trustee Waite

1 would like to have more people go by that area. He stated that if you go to the post office, when
2 you turn in on that street off of Kedzie, you come to the first street which is down maybe 50, 75-
3 yards and you make a left turn. That is the way that you would go into the parking lot of the
4 Metra Lot. You come to a place where you can make a right-turn on another street. On your
5 immediate right there is a pole. There is a yellow, safety ribbon on it. There is one on the pole in
6 the center island right on the same intersection. You can look to the right to see one pole and
7 look to the left to see the other two poles. You can look around and see the lights that are the old
8 style, and you can see the difference that we are getting in the light for less than half the cost of
9 what is there.

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11 Trustee Byrd stated that he wanted to commend Trustee Waite on the study of the LED lights.
12 He stated about two-years ago, the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District changed all of
13 the lights in the University Park parking lot. They were responsible for paying that. It was over
14 half the cost each month on the price of using those lights instead of the regular lights.

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16 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that LED lighting has such longevity. She is constantly
17 calling Joe Alexa about bulbs being out in the Metra Lot. She stated that it would be worthwhile
18 just for the longevity.

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20 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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22 **Human Resource Committee Report** - Trustee Nale stated that the Human Resource
23 Committee met on Monday, October 21st, 2013. They discussed some topics for Employee
24 Programs including Ergonomics, Confined Work Places, and Neck and Back Safety. They have
25 scheduled programs for CPR which she hopes to hold in February, and the Use of Fire
26 Extinguishers which she hopes to confirm for April.

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28 **Performance Appraisals** - Trustee Nale stated that they discussed Performance Appraisals. She
29 gave a form to the Committee Members. She is awaiting feedback from them regarding their
30 comments and instructions on a proposed Performance Appraisal.

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32 **Employee Service Awards** - Trustee Nale stated that they discussed giving the employees
33 Service Awards for their years of service in increments of five-years. A person that has worked
34 five-years would get more money than a person that was just newly hired. A person that was
35 employed by the Village for 10-years would get more money than a five-year person and so on.

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37 **Early Return to Work Policy** - Trustee Nale stated that they discussed an Early Return to Work
38 Policy. She believes that they can follow-up on that now that the union has been settled.

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40 **Updating the Handbook** - Trustee Nale stated that she wants to continue to update the
41 handbook which they had started many, many months ago. That was on hold also.

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43 **Library Drop-Off Box** – Trustee Nale stated that she drove by the Post Office today. She
44 noticed that they already started the structure for the new drop-off box for books and videos. The
45 platform has already been installed. They have to put the drop-off box on top of that.

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1 **No Change in the Hours at Park Forest Library** – Trustee Nale stated that she was informed
2 that the Park Forest Library is not changing its hours. The hours will remain as they currently are
3 until further notice.

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5 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Nale when the next Library Board Meeting
6 will take place.

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8 Trustee Nale stated that the Library Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

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10 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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12 **Thank You Voicemail – Corporal Kickert** – Trustee Gibson stated that she has two
13 information only Memos to share with everyone, and then she has one other item. The first
14 information only item is the Department received a “Thank You” voicemail on Friday, October
15 25th, from Carolyn Sylvestre for Officer Kickert.

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17 Officer Kickert assisted Carolyn Sylvestre on Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30 P.M. in the 203rd
18 Street Metra Lot when Ms. Sylvestre realized she locked herself out of her vehicle. Olympia
19 Fields Police personnel were already in the area on another unrelated issue when Officer Kickert
20 noticed Ms. Sylvestre standing by her locked vehicle and checked on her well-being.

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22 Officer Kickert discovered that Ms. Sylvestre did not have a cell phone and had no way of
23 contacting a family member. He made arrangements using his personal cell phone to transport a
24 family member to Ms. Sylvestre’s location with a spare set of keys.

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26 In her voicemail, Ms. Sylvestre described Officer Kickert as compassionate, professional,
27 courteous, a “good officer” and a credit to the Department.

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29 Trustee Gibson stated that Officer Kickert should be recognized and commended for his actions
30 in assisting a stranded motorist. She stated that those of us in the Village have done that as well
31 as our Chief. Trustee Gibson stated that it proves to us that we do have some very wonderful
32 officers that not only take care of crime, but take care of our residents as well.

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34 **Thank You Letter – Officer Barry and Officer Kerrigan** – Trustee Gibson stated that the
35 second item is the Department received a “Thank You” email from Nancille Broyls of 3432
36 Ithaca, for Officer Sean Barry and Officer Kerrigan.

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38 The officers assisted Nancille Broyls on Saturday, October 26th, at 5:00 P.M. when Mrs. Broyls
39 reported a sick and possibly injured cat on her front lawn.

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41 Mrs. Broyls was unable to determine the extent of the animal’s injuries and became concerned
42 for anyone who might approach the injured animal. Officer Barry and Officer Kerrigan arrived
43 on the scene, assessed the situation and determined that the injured cat needed medical treatment.
44 With the assistance of Lola Proulx, the Village’s volunteer “animal guardian,” the injured cat
45 was removed and transported to a veterinary hospital.

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1 Officer Barry, Officer Kerrigan and Lola Proulx should be recognized and commended for their
2 community service related actions. A copy of the “Thank You” email is in the Board Packet for
3 reference purposes.
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5 **Retirement of Deputy Chief Carl Frey** – Trustee Gibson stated that the next item saddens her a
6 bit. Trustee Gibson stated that it is with our deepest regret that we officially announce that
7 Deputy Chief Carl Frey has rendered his Letter of Retirement from the Olympia Fields Police
8 Department effective November 30th. Trustee Gibson stated that we commend Deputy Chief
9 Frey for 30-years of admirable service to our community and to our residents.

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11 Deputy Chief Carl Frey will become Police Chief of the town of Grant Park, Illinois. Trustee
12 Gibson stated that we commend him on this wonderful appointment to have this opportunity at
13 the next stage in his career to be a Police Chief.
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15 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we want to congratulate and thank Officer Kickert,
16 Officer Barry, and Officer Kerrigan for their dedication and commitment to the Village. We
17 appreciate all of their hard work, as well as the entire Public Safety Department.
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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she, along with the Board, wishes Deputy Chief Carl
20 Frey well in the next step of his career. He has served the Village of Olympia Fields well. She
21 stated that 30-years is dedication in its best form. He has certainly been an asset to all of us over
22 those many years. Village President Meyers-Martin wishes him well. She stated that we are sorry
23 to see him go, but we want to wish him every success in the future.
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25 Trustee Waite stated that Deputy Chief Frey is an absolute gentleman. He stated that with the
26 transition of our new Police Chief and Deputy Chief Frey’s aggressive assistance in helping him
27 during a turbulent time in the Police Department, he conducted himself very admirably. Trustee
28 Waite stated that Deputy Chief Frey is a real gentleman, unless you are on the golf course and
29 then he can kick your butt.
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31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated plus he is a Cubs Fan. She stated in spite of that we wish
32 him well.
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34 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**
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36 **Motion to Authorize the Village President to enter into an Agreement with IDOT for**
37 **Intersection Improvements at Lincoln Highway (US Route 30) and Western Avenue – FAP**
38 **Route 3353; State Section: 23N-2; Job No. C-91-307-12; Agreement No. JN-114-006;**
39 **Contract No. 60T19.**
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41 **(a) Exhibit B – Resolution #2013-09 – Funding Resolution – Authorizing an Expenditure**
42 **not to exceed \$460.00 as the Local Match for the Total Project Cost of \$947,160.00.**
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44 **(b) Exhibit E – Ordinance #2013-15 – An Ordinance Prohibiting Encroachments within the**
45 **State of Illinois Right-of-Way along US Route 30 (First and Second Reading).**
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1 Administrator Mekarski stated that he has one item that has three parts and he has one
2 announcement. He stated that this is the formal approval for the Village to participate in a
3 \$1,000,000.00 Project. IDOT is doing intersection improvements at Lincoln Highway and
4 Western Avenue. It is primarily to facilitate safe pedestrian crossing along the intersection. The
5 Board has reviewed the plans in prior meetings and submitted some substantive comments to
6 IDOT. He stated that IDOT has responded to the Board. The Village Engineer has asked for
7 additional revisions to the Agreement. Those revisions have been included. Administrator
8 Mekarski stated that we had removed the Village requirement to maintain the crosswalk stripes
9 which would be of great expense to the Village, and for cleaning the Catch Basin System. The
10 Village felt that both of those items were not the Village's responsibility. Those were removed.

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12 Administrator Mekarski stated that in addition to the Agreement, there is a simple Funding
13 Resolution and then an Ordinance that we have to pass relative to insuring to the State that the
14 Village won't allow any encroachments. He stated that while this is close to a Million Dollar
15 Project, the Village's local share will not exceed \$460.00. The breakdown of the cost is included.
16 He stated that behind the Resolution is a table that shows the participation of IDOT, the Village
17 of Olympia Fields, and Chicago Heights, The first Motion is essentially giving authorization to
18 the Village President to enter into the Agreement. He stated that following that is Resolution
19 #2013-09 which provides the Funding Resolution authorizing the expenditure not to exceed
20 \$460.00 as the Local Match for the Total Project Cost of \$947,160.00. The third component is
21 Ordinance #2013-15 prohibiting encroachments within the State right-of-way along US Route 30
22 on First and Second Reading.

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24 Administrator Mekarski stated that as suggested by one of our Trustees, as we are going along
25 the path for a retail development group to develop the Lincoln/Western Corridor, this body is
26 essentially rebooting its TIF process. The Engineer will walk these plans through to insure that
27 they are compatible and not in conflict with any proposed improvements associated with the
28 Retail Development Plan that the Board is pursuing. He believes that it is a good idea to insure
29 that Robinson follows through on that. He stated that all three items should be chalked up
30 separately.

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32 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to reiterate that we want all of that work
33 to be compatible with anything that IDOT is going to require in the near future, and she does
34 mean the near future.

35 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the Village President to**
36 **enter into an Agreement with IDOT for Intersection Improvements at Lincoln Highway**
37 **(US Route 30) and Western Avenue – FAP Route 3353; State Section: 23N-2; Job No.: C-**
38 **91-307-12; Agreement No.: JN-114-006; Contract No.: 60T19.**

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

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41 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Gibson to approve Resolution 2013-09, a**
42 **Funding Resolution authorizing an expenditure not to exceed \$460.00 as the Local Match**
43 **for the Total Project Cost of \$947,160.00; and further authorize the Village Clerk to certify**
44 **said Resolution.**

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1 Trustee Waite stated that it seems like with something that size that they should pick up the
2 whole thing. Administrator Mekarski stated that it is very surprising and we agree.

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

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5 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Gibson to Waive First Reading and Adopt in**
6 **Second Reading Ordinance #2013-15 – An Ordinance Prohibiting Encroachments within**
7 **the State of Illinois right-of-way along US Route 30.**

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

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10 **Village Receives Grant from Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning -** Administrator
11 Mekarski stated that the Village competed and received approximately a \$60,000.00 Grant from
12 the Chicago Metropolitan Agency in Planning. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
13 did an RFP, and Camiros, a nationally recognized planning firm is working on a Comprehensive
14 Plan and recommendations for regulatory zoning changes for the new town area, which is
15 defined as the area around the Metra Facility at 203rd Street. It is bounded by Kedzie Avenue to
16 the west, the railroad tracks or the Country Club to the east, Vollmer to the north, and on the
17 south, 203rd Street.

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19 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have set up a Steering Committee. The Steering
20 Committee consists of a member of the Country Club, members of each of the Homeowners
21 Associations that are bordering that development, the Original Village, The Trails, and Olympia
22 Club, and a number of other key stakeholders. The second formal Steering Committee Meeting
23 will be held in the evening. It will be hosted at the Country Club on Thursday, November 21st
24 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. He stated that all are welcome to attend. There will be formal
25 Public Meetings. There will be a formal Shred Meeting. The entire town will be invited. There
26 will be a Public Hearing at this level. This is a roll up your sleeves of the Steering Committee
27 Members to look at their preliminary recommendations for land use in this area and also a draft
28 Marketing Analysis. He stated that Valerie Kretchmer who is the co-consultant with the study
29 has completed the Economic Development Plan. The Village President's Economic
30 Development Committee will be reviewing this tentatively on December 18th.

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32 Administrator Mekarski stated that if anybody would like to attend they should contact his office
33 to discuss the logistics. He stated that if we have three Trustees that would like to attend; they
34 should contact his office because it will be a violation of the Open Meetings Act and that would
35 not be permitted. There can be two Trustees attending the meeting. Trustee Oliver is a member
36 of the Steering Committee. It would be logical for him to attend. The Village President was
37 going to check her schedule to see if she could attend the meeting. There will be additional
38 meetings.

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40 Administrator Mekarski will forward copies of the preliminary recommendations and the
41 preliminary Marketing Plan to the Trustees for their review. Any comments that the Trustees
42 have should go to Trustee Oliver and to the Village President.

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44 Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not there could be two Trustees
45 and the Village President in attendance. Administrator Mekarski stated no. There can only be a
46 total of two altogether. He stated that the Village President may have a conflict for that date. She
47 is checking into that.

1 Trustee Gibson stated that as the past Liaison for the Planning Commission she would like to
2 represent the Village President if she is not going to be able to attend.

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4 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she would let Trustee Gibson know. She stated that
5 we had decided upon another date but it was based on Valerie's availability.

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7 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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9 **Ordinance #2013-16 – An Ordinance Amending Section 13-9, “Hunting,” of Chapter q13,
10 Article I of the Village of Olympia Fields Village Code (First and Second Reading) –**

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12 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has one formal item on the Agenda and that is
13 related to Ordinance #2013-16 amending Section 13-9 on Hunting, Chapter 13. She stated that
14 we received a call from someone who asked about hunting in the Village of Olympia Fields.
15 When they reviewed the Ordinance it was discovered that the current Ordinance that exists in the
16 Municipal Code prohibited hunting with a dog or a gun if it was less than 100-yards of an
17 occupied home. The existing Code did not address Bow Hunting.

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that when they checked into it, because the Ordinance
20 does not specifically refer to it, if someone wanted to hunt in the Village with a bow and arrow
21 they could. She stated that we decided we better fix that. We have now amended that Code. She
22 is asking the Board to approve the changes in the Code so that it does not allow hunting in any
23 form in the Village of Olympia Fields. The Memo designating the specific Ordinance is in the
24 Board Packet.

25 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Byrd to Waive First Reading and pass in
26 Second Reading Ordinance #2013-16 – An Ordinance amending Section 13-9, “Hunting,”
27 of Chapter 13, Article I of the Village of Olympia Fields Village Code.**

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29 Mr. Daily inquired whether or not he could ask a question.

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31 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Waite to Suspend the Rules.**
32 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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34 Mr. Mack Daily of 892 South Woodstock Road inquired whether or not using a trap would be
35 considered hunting.

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37 Administrator Mekarski stated that is a good question.

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39 Mr. Daily stated that if you use the wording “No Hunting at all” if that covers trapping, that
40 would take care of this.

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42 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that this just speaks to hunting related to a dog.

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44 Trustee Waite stated that you have a Bow Season. You have a Muzzle Loading Season. There is
45 a variety.

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1 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she would read the Ordinance as it reads now with
2 this change: “It is unlawful to hunt in any street, highway, alley, thoroughfare, park, public
3 grounds, or private property within the corporate boundaries of the Village with a gun, a dog, or
4 a bow and arrow.” There is no mention of traps.

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6 Administrator Mekarski stated that we can always bring a second amendment if the Board so
7 desires it. He will review it with the Village’s Legal Advisor. They just have to check DNR
8 Regulations and State Statute.

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10 Mr. Daily stated that the reason he raises that is that he has had an occasion where he had to use
11 a trap for a wild cat.

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13 Trustee Waite stated a feral cat. Mr. Daily stated that he was wild. He is not familiar with that
14 term. Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Daily whether or not he meant a cougar. Mr. Daily stated no.
15 In Chicago you would call him an alley cat. The cat was wild. He followed the garbage trucks.
16 He showed up each week a day ahead of the garbage truck. He was turning over trash cans and
17 things like that. Mr. Daily bought a trap and he trapped him. He took him to a nice, proper place.
18 He didn’t do anything mean to him. Mr. Daily still has the trap. Trustee Waite inquired of Mr.
19 Daily whether or not he trapped him alive.

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21 Administrator Mekarski stated that would not be prohibited because a lot of folks have to hire
22 professional trappers for trapping raccoons, skunks and squirrels.

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24 Mr. Daily stated just relocating them. Administrator Mekarski stated that is correct.

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26 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that the Ordinance does not speak to trapping at all. It is
27 very specific in nature in terms of what is prohibited. She believes that Mr. Daily brings up a
28 good question. She stated that we will check with the Village Attorney to explore the trapping
29 issue. She stated that right now she couldn’t see the detriment to that but she doesn’t know.

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31 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Daily whether or not he was trapping it alive and not using snares
32 or anything. Mr. Daily stated that it is a wire cage. Trustee Waite stated that you are trapping the
33 beast but you are not killing it. Mr. Daily stated that he wasn’t killing it.

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35 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of Chief Krull whether or not he wanted to weigh-in
36 on this since the Board had suspended the rules.

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38 Chief Krull stated that there are private firms that do nothing but try to safely relocate those
39 animals. He believes that you have to draw a line. He suggested that the verbiage be added that
40 “Trapping is a means to relocate, versus trapping is a means to kill.” He believes that if that
41 verbiage is in the Ordinance it will be fine.

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43 Village President Meyers-Martin believes that is an excellent thought. Administrator Mekarski
44 stated that if the Board wishes he can bring a subsequent amendment to the Board. He requested
45 that the Board pass this amendment right now to close the gap so we don’t have any errant bow
46 and arrow activity.

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

1 **Business Connections Breakfast** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she passed out
2 the program for the Business Connections Breakfast scheduled for Thursday, November 14th at
3 7:30 A.M. It is being hosted in Village Hall. The purpose is twofold. 1. It is to provide outreach
4 to our local businesses in town so that we can enhance the relationship between the Village and
5 those local businesses. It has come to her attention and she believes it to be true, that in many
6 cases there has been no interaction between our businesses and Village Hall other than their
7 ability to get a Business License. She believes that in this climate and in this economy it is
8 important to enhance those relationships. They have invited every business in the Village to
9 attend. 2. The second reason why she felt it was important and the Economic Development
10 Committee felt that it was important, was to allow for networking amongst not only the business
11 owners here, but in the immediate region. They have invited many other businesses. There will
12 be a speaker that will provide some resources for the businesses if they are looking to remain
13 solvent and if they are looking to grow their business in the Village. The speaker is the Deputy
14 Director of the Bureau of Economic Development for the County of Cook. The speaker will
15 speak about some incentives and resources available for businesses. Village President Meyers-
16 Martin is really looking forward to it. It is the first of many that the Village will be hosting in the
17 future. They will be looking for input from the businesses on what types of subject matter they
18 would want to cover at these business networking events. Village President Meyers-Martin
19 invited everyone in the audience to attend. She stated that we are looking for input, participation,
20 and enthusiasm from our residents as well.

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22 **Office Park** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we received very good news that four
23 of the buildings in our Office Park have been purchased. They were in foreclosure. A gentleman
24 has purchased all four of those buildings with the intent of keeping them as office space. He will
25 be attending the event on Thursday as well. Village President Meyers-Martin is looking forward
26 to meeting him. He is enthusiastic about meeting the Board and networking with the other
27 businesses in town. The Village has been pursuing Broadband for the Office Park. The Village
28 will connect him with Reggie Greenwood who is the Economic Development Director for the
29 Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation. The Village has been working with
30 Northern Illinois to find out what the Village can do to bring back Broadband and bring
31 additional businesses to the Office Park.

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33 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that Trustee Byrd is a member of the Economic
34 Development Committee and has been instrumental in the outreach to our businesses.

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36 Administrator Mekarski stated that he wanted to make an Open Meetings remark. We can have
37 more Trustees attend the networking process to listen to the presentation from Cook County and
38 to network with the businesses. He stated that if there are more than two members, if there is
39 three or more, we have to refrain from discussing any specific project or dialoging back and forth
40 about any specific Village activity. He stated feel free to attend, but primarily to listen, and to ask
41 questions of the speaker, and to network, and not to discuss amongst each other Village business.

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43 **“Bench and Go”** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that there is a new business in town.
44 It is called “Bench and Go.” It is in the plaza with Bizios. It is next to Chiro One. The gentleman
45 that owns it is a fitness person. He has turkey burgers and healthy food. It is quite delicious. It is
46 very, very good. She encouraged everyone to try “Bench and Go.” The owner of the business

1 will be at the event on Thursday as well. She stated that the Village will be promoting that
2 everyone shop local, and to spend your dollars in the Village of Olympia Fields.

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4 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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6 **211th Street Metra Parking Lot** - Trustee Byrd stated that he wanted to report on one item
7 discussed at the last meeting regarding the 211th Street Metra Parking Lot. Trustee Oliver had
8 inquired about the striping that was done there. Trustee Byrd contacted Carol Byrd. He stated
9 that Carol Byrd received a response from Mr. McCabe. The Chicago South Suburban Mass
10 Transit District did stripe that parking lot. Due to budget constraints they didn't do any repaving
11 this year. They are planning on maybe putting it in their budget for next year, 2014.

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13 Trustee Byrd stated that at the last meeting Administrator Mekarski had inquired about putting
14 the sign in at the 211th Street corner. Trustee Byrd stated that is not owned by Metra. Mr.
15 McCabe believes that it is part of the State's right-of-way there so the Village would have to
16 contact the State about that.

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18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she did have a conversation with Metra about the
19 possibility of the 203rd Street Station becoming ADA compliant. We talked to South Suburban
20 Mayors and Managers to see if there are any dollars available to do any of that work. It looks like
21 that would be quite cost prohibitive at this point. She stated that we will continue to pursue that.
22 Village President Meyers-Martin doesn't know if Trustee Byrd has any inside track about what
23 the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District was looking at in terms of ADA compliance.

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25 Trustee Byrd stated that he does not. Trustee Byrd stated that he will ask Carol Byrd about that
26 when he sees her.

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28 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we talked to the Transportation Committee of the
29 South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. They indicated that it would be an extremely
30 expensive venture for that particular station.

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32 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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34 The Board did not have any New Business to discuss this evening.

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36 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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38 **Resignation – Andrea D. Townson from the Community Relations Committee (CRC) -**
39 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she has a Resignation from Andrea D. Townson
40 from the Community Relations Committee. She has cited that while she has served on that
41 Committee for five-years, time commitments prevent her from continuing on that Committee.
42 **Motion by Trustee Byrd, second by Trustee Nale to accept the Resignation from Andrea D.**
43 **Townson, dated November 1st, 2013; and further authorize the Village Administrator to**
44 **send a Letter of Appreciation on behalf of the Village President and Board of Trustees for**
45 **service to our Village.**

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

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1 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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3 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 7:55 P.M.**

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

5 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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