

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on December 12, 2016**
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5 The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 12th, 2016, at the
6 Linzey D. Jones Municipal Building and was called to order by Village President Debra Meyers-
7 Martin at 7:00 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Administrator
8 Mekarski/Village Clerk called the roll.
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10 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Robinson, Pennington, Hudson, Byrd, and Waite
11 Village President Debra Meyers-Martin
12 Village Administrator/Village Clerk, David Mekarski
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14 Absent: None.
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16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
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18 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to suspend with the reading of**
19 **the Minutes of the Board Workshop Meeting held on November 14th, 2016, and the**
20 **November 14th, 2016, Special Board Meeting, the November 17th, 2016, Work Session with**
21 **the Planning Commission and the Economic Development Committee, and the November**
22 **28th, 2016, Board Meeting.**

23 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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25 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Hudson to approve the Minutes of the Board**
26 **Workshop Meeting held on November 14th, 2016, and the November 14th, 2016, Special**
27 **Board Meeting, the November 17th, 2016, Work Session, and the November 28th, 2016,**
28 **Board Meeting Minutes as presented.**

29 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**
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31 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you also have a Memo regarding the October 24th,
32 Meeting Minutes from John Murphey, which we will be approving at our next Board Meeting.
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34 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**
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36 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you have before you tonight Bills for Approval in
37 the amount of \$217,578.51. You have a Cover Memo designating the more significant payouts.

38 **Motion by Trustee Hudson, second by Trustee Byrd to approve the payment of Bills for**
39 **December 12th, 2016, in the total amount of \$217,578.51.**

40 **Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**
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42 **COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**
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44 Village President Meyers-Martin opened Communications & Petitions at 7:08 P.M.
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46 **Chicago Heights Fire Service Agreement – Chief Jeffrey T. Springer – Village President**
47 **Meyers-Martin stated that she is very happy and excited to introduce to the members of the**

1 audience our new Fire Chief, Chief Jeffrey Springer, from Chicago Heights. (There was a round
2 of applause).

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4 Chief Springer stated that he was a member of the Chicago Fire Department for 35-years before
5 retiring in November 2014. He was then blessed with the opportunity to become the Chief of the
6 Chicago Heights Fire Department by Mayor Gonzalez in May of this year. The Chicago Heights
7 Fire Department is comprised of 60 full time firefighters and paramedics, with 17 members on
8 duty daily. They have four; full time fully operational fire stations. They have one paid on call
9 station. They have Engine Companies, one Truck Company, one Tower Ladder Company, and
10 one Rescue Company. They also have four, front line ambulances. They have three reserve
11 ambulances. He stated that within the last couple of weeks they just signed a contract to purchase
12 and build two brand new ambulances. They are looking forward to that going through and
13 hopefully it will be by March of 2017. They just completed contract negotiations. They have a
14 tentative Agreement from the members. They are going to vote on it this Friday. They are pretty
15 positive about that. They hope it goes through. They are very excited about being able to
16 continue their relationship with the Village of Olympia Fields. They are looking forward to
17 continuing to provide Fire Protection Services and Emergency Medical Services to the good
18 people of this community for a long time. (There was a round of applause).

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20 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she asked Chief Springer to be here because this was
21 our opportunity to introduce him to the audience. The previous Chief and the Village President
22 would go to Homeowners Association Meetings so that the Chief could meet other residents of
23 the Village. She stated that Chief Springer is willing to do that with her as well. She wants the
24 Presidents of the Homeowners Associations to know that Chief Springer would love to come out
25 and meet with the members of your Homeowners Associations. We just need to hear from you
26 on when you want us to show up. Chief Springer stated that he will leave a few business cards.
27 He stated just call my office.

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29 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is going to ask Chief Springer to join her at
30 Coffee with the Mayor sometime. Chief Springer stated absolutely.

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32 Trustee Waite inquired of Chief Springer how many calls a day does he get from Olympia
33 Fields. Chief Springer stated that since he has been there in May they average probably in the
34 neighborhood of five to 10. Trustee Waite stated that the Former Chief had stated it was one and
35 a half. Chief Springer stated that they are predominantly ambulance calls. He stated that the EMS
36 calls probably do 80% of what Fire Services do. Trustee Waite inquired of Chief Springer how
37 many fire calls he gets a day. Chief Springer stated probably five, six. The ambulance calls
38 outweigh the fire calls. Trustee Waite stated that he was talking to the other Fire Chief who was
39 compiling the data and he had indicated that they get one and a half calls a day for fire.

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41 Chief Springer stated that in the wintertime fire calls go up just like fires do. It is statistically
42 proven that people try to keep warm any way that they can. They turn on the ovens and space
43 heaters which make the call volume go up. He stated that we are here whenever you need us.

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45 Trustee Waite stated that he was trying to calculate in his own mind what the cost is per call
46 based on what the Village is paying you. Chief Springer stated that he doesn't have that right
47 now but he can find that out for you. Trustee Waite thanked Chief Springer.

1 Mr. Lee Langon inquired of Chief Springer whether or not that is five or six calls for your entire
2 coverage area, not just Olympia Fields. Chief Springer stated that the five or six fire calls was
3 Chicago Heights and Olympia Fields. The total call volume for the day is five calls. It wasn't just
4 Olympia Fields. Trustee Waite stated that the information he had from one of your people that
5 was compiling that said that we get one and a half calls a day for Olympia Fields.

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7 Chief Springer stated that could be true. That sounds about right. He was giving the total for both
8 towns. Trustee Waite stated that if he calculates what we are paying, the cost per call is
9 humongous. Chief Springer stated that if it was only one a day it would be, or one and a half. He
10 will get that figure for Trustee Waite. Trustee Waite stated perhaps we need a rate reduction.
11 Chief Springer stated we will talk about that.

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13 Village President Meyers-Martin asked Chief Springer to talk about the cooperative relationship
14 that you have with the Flossmoor Fire Department. Chief Springer stated that Flossmoor
15 jurisdictionally a lot of times the calls they get are closer to Olympia Fields. They have one
16 Truck Company and one Tower Ladder Company. The Tower Ladder Company sits where his
17 office is on Joe Orr Road. When they get the calls for Olympia Fields that Station goes. Their
18 Station at 16th and Division also responds. They get a Truck Company from Flossmoor. Their
19 Agreement is that when the fire calls come in they leave the Tower Ladder in the firehouse
20 because it is so big it can't make it under the viaduct here. If they get enough calls on it, they will
21 start them out even if they have to go to Lincoln Highway down to Governors Highway and
22 over. They start them responding. The Agreement is they get their Truck Company, and Chicago
23 Heights uses their Engine Company.

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25 Trustee Byrd inquired of Chief Springer whether or not that is more for the west side of the
26 Village. Chief Springer stated yes.

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28 Mr. Yuan Liang stated that he wanted to thank the Chief for your excellent service. He stated
29 from Brookdale Senior Living we call you at the apartment almost every day, and the response is
30 always immediate. We thank you very much for your excellent service. Chief Springer stated
31 that you are quite welcome. We will continue to be there for you. Village President Meyers-
32 Martin thanked Chief Springer.

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34 **Duties of the Community Relations Commission of Olympia Fields** – Mrs. Beverly Sokol
35 stated that she lives at 10 Wysteria Drive in Olympia Fields. She is a founding member of the
36 Community Relations Commission of Olympia Fields. The Chairman of the Community
37 Relations Commission was unable to attend this evening. She asked if Mrs. Sokol would read
38 this. Mrs. Sokol stated that we did read this at the Town Hall Meeting, but since the Town Hall
39 Meeting was not required to have a Court Reporter, the Community Relations Commission
40 unanimously decided that we should read the duties of the Commission so that it would be
41 recorded.

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43 Mrs. Sokol read the following: “Under the Code of Ordinances 1C Division 3, 2C Sec. 2-204 the
44 Code of Ordinances Duties of the Commission are listed as follows:

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46 (1) Make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on matters of public policy which create or
47 perpetuate a negative perception of the Village;

- 1 (2) Develop and implement a public relations strategy which enthusiastically promotes the
2 quality of life in the community with emphasis on its diversity as a major strength;
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4 (3) Initiate activities which facilitate cooperation, understanding and respect among neighbors
5 and residents;
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7 (4) Serve as a bridge between Village government (including elected and appointed officials) and
8 residents and civic groups;
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10 (5) Offer opportunities for residents to voice their views and work together to creatively solve
11 community relations problems;
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13 (6) Serve as the Fair Housing Review Board as authorized by the Fair Housing Ordinance set
14 forth in Section 13-101 et seq. of this Code.

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16 (Ord. No. 97-1, § 1, 2-10-97; Ord. No. 97-15, § 2, 11-24-97)
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18 At the Community Relations Commission Meeting of December 3rd, 2016, the Commission
19 unanimously reaffirmed their commitment to uphold their duties. In the interest of all residents
20 the CRC asks that residents expressing divisive comments and disseminating negative literature
21 be cognizant of the debilitating affect of such information on perspective investors, whether they
22 are commercial or private, on economic development and on families wishing to move into
23 Olympia Fields.
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25 All threats based on an individual’s ethnicity, racial background and/or religious beliefs are
26 anathema to the Village that has promulgated #2 of the CRC duties to “develop and implement a
27 public relations strategy which enthusiastically promotes the quality of life in the community
28 with emphasis on its diversity as a major strength;” and #3 of the CRC duties to “initiate
29 activities which facilitate cooperation, understanding and respect among neighbors and
30 residents;” Mrs. Sokol stated thank you very much for your time.
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32 Trustee Waite stated so one of our goals is diversity. Is that correct, Beverly? Mrs. Sokol stated
33 the Community Relations Commission is to respect diversity. Trustee Waite stated and promote
34 diversity in our community. Mrs. Sokol stated yes. Trustee Waite stated but yet he finds a
35 number of African-Americans who are doing things that are negative in terms of diversity in our
36 community.
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38 Village President Meyers-Martin stated Trustee Waite this is just public commentary for the
39 audience. We are not engaging in dialog. Trustee Waite stated that he is sorry. He didn’t mean to
40 bring that up.
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42 **TIFs in Olympia Fields** - Mr. Langon stated that he would once again, like to discuss TIFs that
43 are on our Agenda for later on. We have a TIF at Lincoln Highway. It brought in Wal-Mart. We
44 get that. We have to bring them in with a tax incentive. We are staunchly against, and when he
45 says “we” he is talking about Olympia Club and some others, against additional TIFs in our
46 town. He inquired that with the hospital medical expansion, why would we be providing
47 additional TIFs along Governors Highway or the Town Center. The Town Center is in the center

1 of Olympia Fields. It is a Transit-Oriented Development. There's Federal Funds available to
2 develop this. Why would we entertain an additional tax incentive? You want to talk about quality
3 of life. Well, it is going to affect the quality of life for Olympia Fields and our legacy for the next
4 23-years with these TIFs. We are ready for retail in Olympia Fields. He stated that is his
5 comment. Village President Meyers-Martin closed Communications & Petitions at 7:24 P.M.
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7 Village President Meyers-Martin inquired of the Board whether or not she could have a Motion
8 to move Ordinance #2016-20 to a Regular Action Item on the Regular Agenda.

9 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Robinson to move Ordinance #2016-20**
10 **to a Regular Action Item on the Regular Agenda.**

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

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13 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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15 **Recommendation for Payment of Invoice #16110318 to Robinson Engineering for Work**
16 **Completed in Connection with the Vollmer Road Reconstruction Preliminary Engineering**
17 **Project (Project No. 14-590) in the amount of \$29,086.61.**

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19 **Ordinance #2016-22 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal**
20 **Year Beginning May 1, 2016, and Ending April 30, 2017 of the Village of Olympia Fields,**
21 **Cook County, Illinois [First and Second Reading].**

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23 **Ordinance # 2016-23 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Special Service Area**
24 **Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2016, and Ending April 30, 2017, of the Village**
25 **of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois, in and for Special Service Area Number One**
26 **[First and Second Reading].**

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28 **Ordinance #2016-24 – An Ordinance Adopting the 2016 Tax Levy for Village of Olympia**
29 **Fields Special Service Area No. 3 [First and Second Reading].**

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31 **Ordinance #2016-25 – An Ordinance Calling for A Public Hearing to Consider Designation**
32 **of a Redevelopment Project Area for the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois**
33 **(Town Center Tax Increment Financing District, “TIF 3”) [First and Second Reading].**

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35 **Ordinance #2016-26 – An Ordinance Calling for A Public Hearing to Consider**
36 **Designation of a Redevelopment Project Area for the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook**
37 **County, Illinois (Lincoln Highway South Tax Increment Financing District, “TIF 4”)**
38 **[First and Second Reading].**

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40 **Resolution #2016-18 – A Resolution Authorizing Amendments to an Intergovernmental**
41 **Agreement for the Study of Regional Water Supply Alternatives.**

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43 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you have Ordinance #2016-22; Ordinance #2016-23;
44 Ordinance 32016-24; Ordinance #2016-25; Ordinance #2016-26; and Resolution #2016-18.
45 These are all items that are routine in nature and do not require extensive or additional
46 conversation.
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1 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Hudson to approve the Consent Agenda Items**
2 **mentioned beginning with Ordinance #2016-22.**

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

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5 **Ordinance #2016-20 – Authorization for the Village President to Execute a Cable**
6 **Television Franchise Agreement by and between the Village of Olympia Fields, Illinois and**
7 **Comcast of Illinois/West Virginia, LLC [First and Second Reading] – Village President**
8 Meyers-Martin stated that brings us to Ordinance #2016-20, which is the Authorization of the
9 Village President to Execute a Cable Television Franchise Agreement by and between the
10 Village of Olympia Fields, and Comcast of Illinois. She inquired whether or not Mr. Fernando
11 wanted to speak to that.

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13 Mr. Yohan Fernando stated that he was here at the previous meeting to introduce the new
14 Franchise Agreement and have a discussion with you about it. He responded to a few questions.
15 There have been no new follow-ups since then. He will be happy to respond to any questions that
16 may have come up since then. This is the model Agreement that was negotiated with the Metro
17 Mayor’s Caucus sometime in 2009. In 2007 the state adopted some legislation which allowed
18 them the opportunity to go to the state and get a Franchise with the state to serve a Municipality.
19 They have continued their practice of negotiating directly with the respected Municipality. He
20 and Administrator Mekarski have been talking about this Agreement for about a year and a half.
21 He believes that they have come to a consensus on what should be included. He believes that you
22 have had an opportunity to review it. Unless there are specific questions he urges you to adopt it.

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24 Trustee Waite stated that he finds with his Comcast cable connection that it hangs, it gets up
25 slow. He calls and complains. All of a sudden it speeds up at light speed and it works for a few
26 hours and it quits. He has spoken to other people around the country about his experience and
27 they say it happens in their territory with Comcast.

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29 Mr. Fernando stated that if Trustee Waite would give him that information he would be happy to
30 have that looked at to see if there is anything affecting his service per se.

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32 Trustee Gibson stated that she has spoken with Yohan one or two times. She consistently talks to
33 Patty who is his assistant. Does this improve the quality of Comcast within the Village?

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35 Mr. Fernando stated that the Agreement per se does not address any of that. We have to meet
36 certain specifications of technical requirements. That is specified in the Agreement. He is not
37 aware of any widespread problems in Olympia Fields as far as service goes. The last time he was
38 here he stated that over the last five-years we have received 11 complaints from the
39 Municipality. They have not received a lot of complaints about their service. If there are specific
40 service issues he would be happy to address them individually. He has always done that.

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42 Trustee Gibson stated that she must have talked to Patty over a dozen times when she has been
43 unhappy with the service that was given. Most of the time when she calls in they want to make
44 you do the work. She is not technically able to do that. There are times when Patty sends a
45 special person out to take care of the problem She is still having problems. She cannot get her
46 iPad, iPhone, or the computer to work because it keeps saying that it can’t be opened.

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1 Mr. Fernando stated that the reason we do certain troubleshooting on the phone, and ask the
2 customer to follow a certain protocol as far as the troubleshooting goes is to help them determine
3 what the problem is so they can give better information to the technician that is going to come.
4 Secondly, if they can determine the problem is with your equipment it prevents a service call that
5 you could end up getting charged for if the fault lies with your equipment. That's why they try to
6 do some of the troubleshooting upfront before they set up the call. He stated with regard to your
7 devices not connecting, there could be several reasons. He would be happy to have that looked at
8 individually.

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10 Trustee Gibson stated that she would be happy for that because she entered into a Service
11 Contract with Comcast to level off what would happen if she needed a technician to come out.
12 Mr. Fernando stated that he will have Patty call her tomorrow and follow-up on that. Trustee
13 Gibson stated that she would be happy for that because there is no need for her to have all of this
14 equipment if it won't work. Mr. Fernando stated that he agrees.

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16 Trustee Waite stated that when he goes to bed at night sometimes after working on his computer
17 if he doesn't turn the computer off, when he gets up in the morning he finds that a lot of settings
18 have been changed. He calls Comcast and inquires why the settings were changed. Comcast tells
19 him to call Microsoft that is their problem.

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21 Mr. Fernando stated that he can't say this for a fact, but the most likely explanation is you may
22 have some malware or automatic updates setup on your computer, and that has nothing to do
23 with Comcast.

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25 Trustee Waite stated that he called Microsoft and they say it has nothing to do with them at all. It
26 has to do with Comcast. He stated that it seems like you and Microsoft have been at war for the
27 last 15-years.

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29 Mr. Fernando stated that he doesn't think so. It may be your opinion. Trustee Waite stated that he
30 gets feedback from all over the country about that in various markets and what have you. You
31 say it doesn't exist. They say it doesn't exist. Trustee Waite stated that it does exist. Mr.
32 Fernando stated that is your opinion. Trustee Waite stated that it is not an opinion.

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34 Trustee Byrd inquired of Mr. Fernando whether or not he could give the percentage of the people
35 in the Village that might have Comcast. Mr. Fernando stated that he couldn't do that. He is sorry.
36 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Fernando whether or not he doesn't want to do it or he can't do it.
37 Mr. Fernando stated that he doesn't have that information to give you at this time. Trustee Waite
38 inquired of Mr. Fernando whether or not he could get that information. Mr. Fernando stated that
39 is not something they can provide you. Trustee Waite inquired why. Mr. Fernando stated that it
40 is outside their scope as to how many people are subscribers or not. That could be information
41 that you don't want to give out.

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43 Trustee Byrd stated that the reason he asked is because we are talking about doing live streaming
44 and he was wondering how many people have Comcast versus somebody else. If we are going to
45 do live streaming of Board Meetings we will need to know that information.

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1 Mr. Fernando stated that the advantage of live streaming is not just Comcast customers but
2 anybody who has an Internet connection can see it. It opens it up to anybody with a connection.
3 Administrator Mekarski stated that whatever we do with Comcast will parallel with AT&T. We
4 will be working with Comcast initially to bring in the broadband capacity and build the system
5 from there. Administrator Mekarski stated that he and Cynthia have been working with Comcast
6 for over a decade. Cynthia has been working with them close to 16-years. In that entire time
7 Yohan has been the Government Liaison. Whenever we get a citizen issue or complaint, whether
8 verbally to him or Cynthia, or in writing, or via email, either one of them contacts Yohan and in
9 no more than an hour or an hour and a half, Yohan gives an email, text, or phone call back and
10 indicates what kind of action is being taken. We have a good customer service relationship with
11 Yohan, whether it is on a cable drop, or a technical issue on a TV. If someone is not satisfied
12 they just need to call us again and we will inform Yohan and he will get to it.

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14 Trustee Waite stated when you read the research results that are published in The Wall Street
15 Journal, Verizon is the most satisfied supplier and Comcast is one of the bottom suppliers. He
16 doesn't know how they get that rating if they are providing great service. That is a National
17 Survey that The Wall Street Journal does.

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19 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she believes that what Administrator Mekarski is
20 saying and she echoes his sentiments, regardless of what the national opinion is, our experience
21 in the Village has been when we call Yohan we get an immediate response. If it is a problem that
22 can be addressed and resolved instantaneously it is done. If it takes longer, we know that he is
23 working on it and getting the proper people in place. It is an individual opinion about the Village
24 of Olympia Fields. She stated nationwide maybe that is the case according to that article. But
25 here, we have had nothing but positive relationships with Yohan and Comcast.

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27 Trustee Waite stated that he hasn't had that in his interactions with Comcast. Is your company
28 giving any kind of gratuities to anybody that works for the Village? Mr. Fernando stated no.
29 Trustee Waite inquired of Mr. Fernando are there any gratuities coming from your company? If
30 we sent an auditor over and started going through your expense reports and everything, are you
31 providing any kind of meals?

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33 Trustee Pennington stated that we don't have the authority to do that Trustee Waite. Trustee
34 Waite stated that a lot of people do that. Trustee Pennington stated no, they don't. Trustee Waite
35 stated yes, they do. There are a lot of people that send their auditors over to check their suppliers
36 books to see whether or not they are providing any kind of gratuities to the customer to sway
37 their judgment. That is what he was asking. There seems to be something going on that he
38 doesn't understand. We are not getting the same level of service. He just got Mr. Fernando's
39 phone number a couple of weeks ago. He hasn't called his assistant or anything. He called the
40 number that everybody else calls. The last time he called he waited on the phone for 50-minutes
41 until he got through to somebody that could help him. Then they gave him to somebody that was
42 in the Philippines. Then he couldn't understand what they were talking about. Then they
43 switched him over to somebody that was supposed to be smarter from India and that wasn't
44 working, and then Costa Rica. He stated that by the time he got done he was tired and he went to
45 bed. He can put a recorder on his phone and he can play them all back to you.

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1 Mr. Fernando stated two-weeks ago that if you have an individual problem you can always
2 contact him and he can look into it. Trustee Waite inquired why he can't get that service from
3 calling the 800 number at Comcast Headquarters and get through in a reasonable amount of time,
4 and have them take care of his problem.
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6 Mr. Fernando stated that most of the time you are able to do that. There are peak times when
7 they are unable to do that. The reason that some of the calls go overseas is when the Local Call
8 Centers are operating at their max it defaults to an Overseas Call Center. It isn't like all the calls
9 are going overseas constantly.
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11 Trustee Waite stated that the last time the person at Comcast stated "We are going to put you
12 over with a very special, knowledgeable person." That knowledgeable person happened to be in
13 Costa Rica. They stayed with him for an hour and a half trying to figure out what the problem
14 was. They still couldn't figure out what it was. He said, "Well, it's all in the record now. You can
15 call. You can have them open the record and they can see what I did and they can go on from
16 there."
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18 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is going to stop Trustee Waite there because he
19 has expressed his concerns regarding service to Yohan. He has registered that in his memory
20 bank that there is an issue going forward. We are not going to resolve it tonight. She believes that
21 Yohan knows what Trustee Waite is saying. You know his response. We will then follow-up.
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23 Trustee Waite stated that he will give him his account number and he can go in and look at the
24 history of what is going on with his connection. Mr. Fernando stated that is fine. You can give it
25 to me now or you can call him and give it to him tomorrow. Village President Meyers-Martin
26 thanked Mr. Fernando.
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28 Trustee Gibson inquired whether or not she should call Yohan or Patty. Mr. Fernando stated that
29 she can call him. She will get Mr. Fernando's number from Administrator Mekarski. Trustee
30 Waite inquired whether or not we should publish Mr. Fernando's number on the Village's
31 Website. You are going to give us special service that the rest of us can't get. Mr. Fernando
32 stated that you can put the Call Center Number on the website. He is the contact for the
33 Municipality. He is not the contact for Customer Service for everybody. Trustee Waite stated
34 you are giving special service to some of us and the rest of the people are out of luck. Is that
35 what you are saying?
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37 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she doesn't believe that is what he said here. Trustee
38 Gibson stated that is not what he said. Trustee Waite stated listen to what he is saying. He is very
39 smooth in the way he talks. Mr. Fernando stated that he is the contact for the Municipality.
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41 Administrator Mekarski stated that we have had a number of citizens that their problem hadn't
42 been resolved and they called the Village. When they call the Village, whether it is Cynthia or
43 him, they immediately call Yohan and tell him that one of our citizens was not satisfied with the
44 resolve they attempted to do through other channels. Can you look into it? It could be a cable
45 drop. It could be an issue with reception. It could be a number of issues. He stated that Yohan
46 will go ahead and look into that. It could be a member of the Board. It could be a member of the
47 audience. It could be any of our citizens. That's part of the Franchise Agreement. They have a

1 Government Liaison to address those issues. He stated that AT&T has the same kind of
2 arrangement.
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4 Trustee Waite stated that he gave him his cell phone number, his email and all the ways he could
5 contact him. Trustee Waite stated that he has not contacted him. He has been going through the
6 Comcast numbers. You are saying I will get better service if I call you? Mr. Fernando stated that
7 he said that he will get the issue resolved if he calls him.
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9 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she is going to say this one more time. Yohan is our
10 Government Liaison to Comcast. Municipalities reach out to Yohan if they have an issue,
11 whether it is administratively, or whether there is a customer that resides in that town that has not
12 been able to have an issue resolved. Trustee Waite stated that he is one of his customers. Village
13 President Meyers-Martin stated that when he gave you his phone number and his email, that was
14 a courtesy for you being on the Board of Trustees for a Municipality.
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16 Trustee Waite stated so he is getting special treatment. Village President Meyers-Martin stated
17 that you are not getting special treatment. Trustee Waite stated yes, he is if he gives him his
18 direct number and says call him if you have a problem. It isn't like the rest of the people. They
19 don't have his phone number. Jesus, what is it people don't understand about getting special
20 treatment? Village President Meyers-Martin stated all right you made your point. Trustee Waite
21 stated exactly. Village President Meyers-Martin thanked Mr. Fernando.
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23 Trustee Pennington stated that he has a question that stems from a conversation that occurred at
24 the last Town Hall Meeting, where he indicated that we should take the opportunity to go ahead
25 and videotape our sessions and run them back on our current existing system that is in place. He
26 stated pretty much like we rolled back and performed the videotaped meetings of the School
27 Board during the last election. In this particular Agreement that we are going to act on this
28 evening, there is a section that deals specifically with live streaming and the possibility of doing
29 that. He is in favor of live streaming because it opens up an opportunity for not only the residents
30 of Olympia Fields, but as you pointed out, other areas within the region that is capable of getting
31 live streaming. Trustee Pennington inquired of Mr. Fernando if we wanted to use the existing
32 equipment that we have in place to record and then forward out to the residents of the Village
33 these Board Meetings.
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35 Mr. Fernando stated that he is not the best person to respond to that. It is probably possible. The
36 constraint that you have is the broadband connection. He doesn't think that it is robust enough to
37 do live streaming. He would have to get somebody else to respond to that. Trustee Pennington
38 stated that he understands that and that may be true.
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40 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you have a Memo regarding that conversation that
41 took place regarding the live streaming.
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43 Trustee Pennington stated that he is not talking about live streaming. He is talking about the
44 actual videotaping of this meeting this evening, and then perhaps playing it back two-days later
45 on the system that we already have in place.
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1 Trustee Waite stated that Comcast provides High-Speed Internet connections all over Europe that
2 are 10-times faster than what they provide us in our country.

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4 Mr. Fernando stated that we can provide you with the same but it comes at a price. Trustee Waite
5 stated that you are doing it for Europe at a regular price. Mr. Fernando stated we don't have
6 service in Europe. Trustee Waite stated that wherever it is in the rest of the world where you
7 have service, according to The Wall Street Journal they are getting better service than what is
8 being provided in the United States. Mr. Fernando stated that we don't have Internet Service in
9 Europe right now. He is not sure what he is talking about. Trustee Waite inquired of Mr.
10 Fernando whether or not they have it in Russia, India, or Taiwan. Where do you have it where
11 you are providing it at an extra special speed? Mr. Fernando stated that we don't provide Internet
12 Service overseas. We are an American based company for data service. That's not to say that
13 there is no Internet Service out there, it is provided by someone else. Trustee Waite stated they
14 have another company providing it. That's what The Wall Street Journal was talking about. They
15 have this other service that gives them Internet Speed umpteen times faster than what Comcast is
16 providing their customers in this country at a regular price. Mr. Fernando believes that Trustee
17 Waite is mistaken on this. He stated that what we can provide is as fast as what is available
18 anywhere in the country. Our high-speed data service is probably the fastest you can find
19 anywhere. It's a tiered service. It all depends on what your needs are. There is a price tag
20 attached to what it is. He completely disagrees with Trustee Waite's characterization that the
21 Internet Service that is provided here is slow. Trustee Waite stated that he can understand why
22 Mr. Fernando would disagree with it.

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24 Village President Meyers-Martin stated in terms of the live streaming, we have been told and
25 demonstrated that we don't have enough bandwidth and it would freeze. Mr. Fernando stated that
26 the ideal situation for live streaming is if you have fiber optics. That's what is going to provide a
27 seamless connectivity that will allow you to do a live broadcast or playback. He stated most
28 significantly live broadcast. We had a discussion about what it would take to bring fiber optics to
29 Village Hall right now. There was connectivity to the Old Village Hall. He believes it is run
30 through a coax connection between Old Village Hall and here right now. We've had several
31 discussions on how to get you to where you need to get to. We were looking at a few other
32 scenarios as well to discuss what would make the most sense from an overall perspective as far
33 as communications to this building. We have not decided on anything firm at this point. The
34 discussion is ongoing in that regard.

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36 Village President Meyers-Martin stated to Trustee Pennington's point, there may be the
37 possibility of delay broadcasting which may not overburden the system.

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39 Mr. Fernando stated that it is probably possible. You need to find out if the playback file can be
40 small as opposed to requiring a lot of bandwidth. That's probably where the problem is going to
41 come. That's a technical question that is outside of his scope. He can talk to folks that are much
42 more versed in that area to respond directly to that question. Trustee Pennington stated that's
43 good. That's appropriate. Mr. Fernando stated that he can work with David on that.

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45 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that you have before you Ordinance #2016-20.

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1 **Motion by Trustee Hudson, second by Trustee Byrd to Waive on First Reading and Adopt**
2 **in Second Reading Ordinance #2016-20 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing a**
3 **Cable Television Franchise Agreement by and between the Village of Olympia Fields and**
4 **Comcast of Illinois/West Virginia, LLC.**

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

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7 **2017 Public Meeting Schedule** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated that brings us to the
8 2017 Public Meeting Schedule. You have a Revised Meeting Schedule on the dais which
9 corrects what was originally in the packet. She inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or
10 not he knew what the specific changes were.

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12 Administrator Mekarski stated that one of the changes was the request that Trustee Byrd had on
13 the Educational Commission moving the meeting from the first Tuesday in January to the second
14 Tuesday in January which was already sent out to the Educational Commission Members. The
15 other was changes to the Community Relations Commission.

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17 Trustee Gibson stated that there was one more incorrect statement. The Public Safety Committee
18 was meeting on the wrong date. Now we have January 11th which is the correct date.

19 Administrator Mekarski stated so we have those three changes.

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21 Trustee Hudson stated that the Beautification Committee will meet on July 11th instead of July
22 10th. They meet the same day that the Board meets. Trustee Pennington inquired whether or not
23 we do have the option to modify these dates as appropriate. Village President Meyers-Martin
24 stated absolutely. Administrator Mekarski stated that if you do make a change you need to post it
25 48-hours in advance on the doorway, and give it to Naomi to place on the Web and Channel 4.
26 Trustee Robinson stated that he sees that there is no meeting in January for The Human Resource
27 Committee and that needs to be changed. We need to have a meeting in January. Trustee
28 Robinson will let Naomi know what the date is.

29 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second Trustee Robinson, to Approve, Publish and**
30 **Distribute the Amended Changes to the 2017 Public Meeting Schedule of all Boards,**
31 **Commissions and Committees.**

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

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34 **2017 Holiday Schedule –**

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36 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to Adopt the Village of Olympia**
37 **Fields 2017 Holiday Schedule, Authorize its Distribution to all Employees; and Post on the**
38 **Village’s Website Accordingly.**

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

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41 **Reminder No Meeting – December 26, 2016** – Village President Meyers-Martin stated next is
42 the Holiday Schedule. These are Holidays based on the State and Federal Holidays.

43 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to Adopt the Village of Olympia**
44 **Fields 2017 Holiday Schedule, Authorize its Distribution to all Employees; and Post on the**
45 **Village’s Website Accordingly.**

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

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1 **Reminder No Meeting – December 28, 2016** – Village President Meyers-Martin reminded
2 everyone that there is no meeting on December 28th, 2016.

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4 Mr. Nate Grant stated that December 28th is a Wednesday. Village President Meyers-Martin
5 stated that it should be December 26th which is an actual Holiday this year. There will be no
6 Board Meeting on December 26th, 2016.

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8 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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10 **To Discuss Matters of Litigation Open Meetings Act - Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(11) –**

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12 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Hudson to go into Executive Session to**
13 **Discuss Matters of Litigation According to the Open Meetings Act Section**
14 **5ILCS120/2(c)(11) with no Need to Reconvene at 7:55 P.M.**

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

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17 Village President Meyers-Martin stated that we will be going into Executive Session. We will
18 not be taking any action when we come back.

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20 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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22 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Waite to Close Executive Session and**
23 **Move Back into Open Session at 8:36 P.M.**

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

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26 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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28 **Motion by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Robinson to adjourn this Special Meeting of**
29 **the Board of Trustees at 8:36 P.M.**

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

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32 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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