



1 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village's legal advisors forwarded correspondence  
2 that the FCC Rules have been tightened up. They have emphasized that local  
3 Municipalities are prohibited from rejecting a cell tower location based on health or  
4 environmental impacts. Administrator Mekarski stated that he would be providing that  
5 information in the Board Packet for the next Board Meeting. Mr. Braunstien stated that  
6 he would like to have a copy of that as well. President Jones suggested that Mr.  
7 Braunstien contact Administrator Mekarski prior to the next Board Meeting in order for  
8 him to receive that information. President Jones closed Communications and Petitions at  
9 7:06 P.M.

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11 **FINANCE:**

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13 **November 2009 Financial Statements** - Trustee Pennington stated this evening he will  
14 be reporting on the revenues and expenses incurred for the period ending November 30th,  
15 2009. He stated that he would be focusing on the Corporate Fund.

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17 **Corporate Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Village closed the month of  
18 November in surplus status. The Village realized total fund revenue for November in the  
19 amount of \$341,355.07. The actual realized revenue in November was \$697,204.20,  
20 against a budgeted revenue sum of \$715,123.27. This is approximately 2.5% of plan. The  
21 actual expenses realized for the month were \$355,849.13, against a budgeted amount of  
22 \$411,740.43, or 13.5% of plan. The total fund surplus was 11% above plan for  
23 November. The Village collected \$60,828.67 in Sales Tax Revenue during this period,  
24 versus a budgeted amount of \$68,750.00, or 12% under plan. The Village realized an  
25 increase in the amount of \$12,413.43 in Real Estate Tax Revenue for this period. The  
26 Village budgeted the sum of \$450,000.00. The Village realized \$462,413.43 in this  
27 revenue line item. The Village continues to see consistent revenue generation in the  
28 Towing/Impound Revenue line item. The Budget for this line item for November was  
29 \$6,666.67. It was unchanged from October. The Village realized \$23,500.00 in actual  
30 revenue. This was an increase of \$16,833.33. The Utility Tax Revenue for November was  
31 within Budget. The Budget for this line item was \$62,500.00. The Village realized  
32 \$51,993.14 in actual revenue. The year to date actual, plus encumbrance for November is  
33 at a deficit in the amount of \$257,634.07. The Village anticipates the deficit will be  
34 resolved in the report for December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, when all funds due and owing the Village  
35 is to be captured. This will be coming from the Real Estate Tax line item. Trustee  
36 Pennington stated that if you look at the Village's deficit in the year to date actual, plus  
37 encumbrance, the \$257,634.07 is exactly 50% of what it was in October. It translates to  
38 the amount that the Village took in, which was \$341,355.07 for the month of November.  
39 This should be up-to-date when Trustee Pennington reports on the December 2009  
40 Financial Statements.

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42 **Water Fund and Sewer Fund**– Trustee Pennington stated that the Water Fund and the  
43 Sewer Fund were pretty much consistent with what they were in October 2009.

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45 **Finance Committee** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Finance Committee would be  
46 meeting twice in January. The Finance Committee is preparing for the 2010/2011 Budget.

1 The first Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The  
2 Committee will commence preparation for the Budget itself.

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4 Trustee Pennington stated that the Finance Committee would meet on Saturday, January  
5 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, to review the materials from the various departments within the Village. A  
6 Memo will be sent to all Department Heads this week announcing the meeting dates for  
7 the Finance Committee.

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10 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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12 **SouthCom/Water Tower Financing** – Administrator Mekarski stated that in the Board  
13 Packet is a Memorandum dated January 11<sup>th</sup> from him. The Memorandum was co-  
14 authored by Cindy Saenz and Donald Theobald. Administrator Mekarski stated that the  
15 four communities that makeup the SouthCom combined Dispatch System has approached  
16 the Village, and asked the Village to carry some debt, which is critical for the operation  
17 of SouthCom. SouthCom purchased a Computer Aided Dispatch System from Frequentis.  
18 It is a multi-Million Dollar expenditure. The majority of the expenditure is being paid  
19 with reserved funds, and a small amount is budgeted in its operational budget. In order to  
20 complete the entire project, SouthCom needs \$750,000.00. They approached a number of  
21 commercial banks, but the interest rates and terms are too onerous. They looked at the  
22 possibility of floating a Bond. Due to the fact that Olympia Fields has a Triple AAA  
23 Bond Rating from Standard & Poor's, SouthCom is asking the Village to float  
24 \$750,000.00 in short-term financing for up to eight years. The first protection for the  
25 Village is that the monies that would be utilized to repay the debt if the Village would  
26 take out this Bond instrument would be monies that are received by SouthCom from the  
27 911 surcharges. Matteson is receiving \$191,000.00, Olympia Fields \$87,000.00, Park  
28 Forest is \$252,000.00, and Richton Park is receiving \$116,000.00. This comes from a  
29 combination of four sources: State Statute sets wireless 911 surcharges. The 911  
30 surcharges on the standard phone bill, landline, and then the Comcast Voiceover IP; and  
31 then there are also arrangements with other carriers, and Intergovernmental Agreements  
32 with SouthCom. He stated that the 911 monies are not all free. They are used for the  
33 operational expenditures of SouthCom itself. The second protection for the Village would  
34 be a series of Intergovernmental Agreements, one with SouthCom, and three with the  
35 participating Municipalities, Matteson, Park Forest, and Richton Park. That would  
36 guarantee that in a default situation by SouthCom, the General Funds of those three  
37 Municipalities would pick up its proportionate share. Olympia Fields would be required  
38 to pick up its proportionate share of the debt as well.

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40 President Jones stated that he would like Don Theobald, Cindy Saenz, Trustee  
41 Pennington, and the Finance Committee to review the current Budget that is in affect at  
42 SouthCom, along with their financials. Administrator Mekarski stated that SouthCom  
43 would like a decision within the next two to three months. President Jones believes that  
44 the Board could make a decision by the second Board Meeting in February. A meeting  
45 will be scheduled with Arlette Frye who is the Finance Director and Treasurer for

1 SouthCom, and the three Finance Directors from Park Forest, Richton Park, and  
2 Matteson, along with Trustee Pennington and the Finance Committee.  
3 President Jones stated that Kevin McCanna has been the Village's Financial Advisor for  
4 at least a decade. He has always done a great job. President Jones inquired of Mr.  
5 McCanna if the Village went to market with these Bonds, what impact would it have on  
6 the Village's debt rating, and its own debt limit. Mr. Kevin McCanna from Speer  
7 Financial, Inc. stated that there should be no impact. Alternate Revenue Bonds do not  
8 count against any debt limit of the Village so long as the Village abates the taxes that are  
9 filed for the Alternate Bonds with the revenues that come in. There is no impact on the  
10 debt limit. There should be no impact on the Triple AAA Bond Rating because of the  
11 protections. He stated that based on the chart provided by Arlette Frye, there is very good  
12 coverage and a very good cash flow on that. He stated that the Village would have the  
13 opportunity to save as a member of SouthCom, and also as the issuer.  
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15 Trustee Ormsby stated that she was surprised that there was any short-term financing that  
16 the Village would have to do. President Jones stated that Administrator Mekarski, Chief  
17 Chudwin and Randy Kickert are on the Operating Committee at SouthCom. He stated  
18 that SouthCom has been able to operate very effectively. He stated about two years ago  
19 we knew that we had to update the technology. They were successful in getting money  
20 from the Federal Government through the earmark strategy to help defray a lot of the  
21 expenses of building out the system. It is a Capital Project. He stated that SouthCom can  
22 do it on its own, but it will cost the Village more money because of the Village's  
23 proportionate share of the cost if SouthCom does it on their own.  
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25 President Jones stated that the Village has its own financing that it has to do on the Water  
26 Tower Project. We were thinking how could we leverage this to an additional value to the  
27 Village. If the Board would like a report on the technology itself, Administrator Mekarski  
28 can make that presentation himself or Ron Bonneau the Executive Director of SouthCom  
29 could come in and make that presentation.  
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31 Administrator Mekarski reminded the Board that this is SouthCom's debt. It is not the  
32 Village's debt. He stated that it is a multi-Million Dollar Project with a life span of eight  
33 to 10 years. He stated that SouthCom always anticipated that they had to finance a  
34 portion of the project.  
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36 Administrator Mekarski stated that while they did the analysis regarding the SouthCom  
37 financing, the Village had the Water Tower Painting Project with the construction costs  
38 now received under bid at \$512,000.00 with, approximately, \$70,000.00 total engineering  
39 costs added to that. A portion of the engineering costs has already been paid. The Village  
40 estimated that it had another \$540,000.00 plus or minus to finance. Mr. McCanna was  
41 asked to provide the Village with a series of projected Debt Service Schedules. This  
42 information is provided in the Board Packet. There is \$1,540,000.00 at eight years and at  
43 five years. The Board will also see \$1,270,000.00 at eight years and at five years.  
44 \$1,000,000.00 for eight years and five. \$750,000.00 for eight years and five years. The  
45 \$1,270,000.00 is 50% of the projected Water Tower Cost. The reason for the 50% of the

1 Water Tower Cost is because President Jones wanted to see if the Village could do half  
2 financing, and possibly utilizing some of the Village's cash reserves for the other half.  
3 Administrator Mekarski stated that the second series of Debt Service Schedules, which is  
4 \$1,540,000.00, is for the Water Tower itself. For eight years, with principal and interest,  
5 the debt service is approximately \$60,000.00 to \$64,000.00 over that life span. The next  
6 schedule is the \$750,000.00 that SouthCom is looking towards financing either at five  
7 years or eight years. In actuality they would want an eight-year schedule to keep it  
8 consistent with the life span and the guarantees that is offered in the Frequentis Project.  
9 Administrator Mekarski stated that the life span of the Water Tower Project is 12 years.

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11 President Jones inquired of Mr. McCanna as to whether or not the Village could run the  
12 Bonds at two different schedules. Mr. McCanna stated that you could do that. They just  
13 add them together. Administrator Mekarski stated that the Water Tower would have to be  
14 financed less than 12 years. And the Frequentis Project would have to be financed less  
15 than eight years. Administrator Mekarski stated that these are preliminary schedules to  
16 give the Board a picture of the interest rate, and what kind of costs would be associated  
17 with principal and interest. Administrator Mekarski inquired of Mr. McCanna as to what  
18 are the typical coverage requirements for a Bond, and what kind of coverage ratios did he  
19 see in this possible Bond. Mr. McCanna stated that an Alternate Revenue Bond requires  
20 1.25 times coverage. He stated that based on the chart that was prepared by Arlette Frye  
21 with the revenues that are expected at SouthCom, you are in great shape in terms of  
22 coverage.

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24 Administrator Mekarski stated that all of the member communities did what they could  
25 do to save the taxpayers dollars in all four Municipalities. The space that SouthCom has  
26 in Matteson is lease free. That is Matteson's contribution annually towards reducing  
27 costs.

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29 Trustee Ormsby stated that Matteson is the biggest Village. Olympia Fields is the  
30 smallest Village and Olympia Fields has the strongest credit. President Jones believes  
31 that Matteson should calculate rent and the Village should take a look at that down the  
32 road. He stated that is not fair. He stated that Matteson provided an employee to Olympia  
33 Fields over in the Matteson Village Hall for a period of time. She was an IT person.

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35 President Jones stated that he would like Trustee Pennington to report back to the Board  
36 with his analysis and recommendation by the first meeting in February, if not sooner. He  
37 stated that this is a business decision. Once all the questions have been answered, he  
38 believes that the business decision will support the Village doing this because of the  
39 savings to the Village by going to the market and getting the debt for SouthCom at a  
40 cheaper cost, and the savings the Village will realize by going to market for the Water  
41 Tower Project and by combining the two projects together.

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43 Trustee Nale inquired of President Jones as to whether or not there was any chance of any  
44 of the Villages defaulting. President Jones stated that he didn't think that there was any  
45 chance of that. The only Village that they know of that is having financial problems is  
46 Matteson. Mr. McCanna stated that the revenues from 911 flow directly to SouthCom. He

1 stated that the Village would have an agreement with each of the Municipalities that  
2 would require them to pay all of their revenues over to SouthCom and that SouthCom  
3 would pay the Village. He believes that it would be unlikely that any of them could  
4 default. That would require them to default on the requirement to SouthCom and on their  
5 contractual obligation to the Village. President Jones stated that the 911-surcharge  
6 revenue flows directly to SouthCom. He stated that when we first joined SouthCom, the  
7 money came to the Village, and then the Village gave it to SouthCom. It doesn't work  
8 like that anymore. All the revenue goes directly to SouthCom. The Village doesn't see it  
9 at all.

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11 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that she felt more comfortable with the idea when she read  
12 that it would not affect the Village's Bond Rating or the Village's Debt Service Ratio.

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14 Trustee Pennington stated that he wants to make sure that he receives a full packet of  
15 information regarding the analysis so that he can provide that to the Finance Committee.  
16 President Jones stated that Trustee Pennington could speak with Administrator Mekarski  
17 and Don Theobald to get whatever he needs. President Jones thanked Mr. McCanna for  
18 attending the meeting this evening.

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21 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: (CONTINUED)**

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23 President Jones stated that we did have Communications and Petitions earlier. Due to the  
24 fact the people in the audience may not be aware that the Board Meetings now begin at  
25 7:00 P.M., President Jones reopened Communications and Petitions at 7:47 P.M. to give  
26 the members of the public an opportunity to address the Board if they so desire.

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28 **School Board District 227/Superintendent Search** - Dr. David Morgan stated that he is  
29 on the School Board. He is a lecturer at South Suburban College. He is a resident of  
30 Olympia Fields. Dr. Morgan thanked President Jones and the Board for their support. He  
31 stated that the job of the School Board is to monitor and assess student achievement, and  
32 evaluate a Superintendent. He stated that they are not doing any of that. Dr. Morgan  
33 appreciates what President Jones has said, because he gets to the point and tells it like it  
34 is. He hopes that President Jones and Administrator Mekarski and the Board will  
35 continue with their support. He is on the School Board because he is interested in doing  
36 what it takes to make a difference. He stated that lingering on probation, and lingering on  
37 the State's Watch List and pretending that we are doing just fine is not making a  
38 difference. Dr. Morgan stated that he attended a four-day training session with the ISAB  
39 and he was the only School Board member in attendance from District 227. He stated that  
40 it is not economic development when the School Board rejects the vendors who live in  
41 the community. He stated that we could vote for progress in the next election. President  
42 Jones thanked Dr. Morgan for coming to the meeting.

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44 **Thank you to the Public Works Department** – Mr. Robert Holman who resides at 1030  
45 Wingate Road, stated that a couple years ago he went to Oklahoma to visit his sister-in-  
46 law. They had a snow and ice storm and the streets were not plowed and the garbage

1 trucks couldn't get through. They were waiting for the sun to come out. After seeing how  
2 it is done in other places, he wanted to compliment the Village's street department on the  
3 fine job they do here. The Board thanked Mr. Holman. President Jones thanked Mr.  
4 Holman for coming to the meeting. President Jones closed Communications and Petitions  
5 at 7:55 P.M.

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8 **BUILDING:**

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

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12 **PLANNING:**

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14 President Jones stated that in Trustee Gibson's absence we wouldn't have a report on  
15 Planning.

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17 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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19 **Replacement of the Motor Starter on Pump #3 at the Water Pumping Station –**

20 Trustee Oliver stated that there is a letter from Joe Alexa in the Board Packet. Mr. Alexa  
21 is asking for the Board's approval for the replacement of a Motor Starter. Trustee Oliver  
22 stated that there are a number of bids in the Board Packet for a Motor Starter that Mr.  
23 Alexa wants to replace systematically throughout the Water Pumping Stations. Mr. Alexa  
24 has budgeted \$30,000.00 for one of these Motor Starters. The lowest bid is from SPD  
25 Incorporated in the amount of \$15,728.45.

26 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to select SPD**  
27 **Incorporated as the lowest responsible bidder for the replacement of the Motor**  
28 **Starter at an amount not to exceed \$15,728.45.**

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

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31 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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33 **Grand Prairie Holiday Celebration – 211<sup>th</sup> Street Metra Station -** Trustee Nale stated  
34 that the Grand Prairie Choral Arts Group held a choral concert on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the  
35 211<sup>th</sup> Street Station. Individual packets of M&M's were handed out to each commuter as  
36 they left the station. Over 200 packets of candy were distributed. Trustee Nale donated  
37 the remainder of the candy to the Richton Park Pantry on behalf of the Village. She  
38 thanked Pat Kelly and Carlando Owens for their help.

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40 Trustee Nale stated that there was a problem. There were only two singers present at the  
41 designated time. Dan Waterford who is the Chairperson of the Grand Prairie Choral  
42 Group was notified in writing, as well as the day prior to the choral concert to verify  
43 everything. Due to the fact they did not have a good portion of the singers present for the  
44 designated performance hour, an agreement was reached to bill the singers \$100.00 less  
45 than what was originally agreed upon. Mr. Waterford was very apologetic and stated that  
46 it would not happen again.

1 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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3 **Public Safety Committee** - Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have a formal  
4 report this evening. She stated that the Public Safety Committee would be meeting on  
5 January 26<sup>th</sup> to begin looking at their 2010/2011 Budget items.

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7 **K-9 Unit** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that she would arrange for Officer Metzger and  
8 Lars to attend the Board Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

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12 **Ordinance #2010 – 01 - An Ordinance Designating the Village of Olympia Fields**  
13 **Lincoln Highway and Western Avenue Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area,**  
14 **Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Program. This is on First and Second**  
15 **Reading** – Administrator Mekarski stated that this is the conclusion to a six-month  
16 process that the Board authorized for the establishment of a Tax Incremental Financing  
17 District, which would provide economic incentives to help create some retail  
18 opportunities for the Harold Motors and Currie Motors property on the Lincoln/Western  
19 Corridor. Administrator Mekarski stated that Ordinance #2010-01 adopts the amended  
20 Redevelopment Project Area, which is now being changed to reflect the property to the  
21 northwestern portion as depicted in the study aerial photograph that is contained in the  
22 report. The new TIF District is comprised of the following: The Currie Motors property,  
23 the former Harold Motors property, the Valero Gas Station, Blockbuster, the medical  
24 offices on the east side of Brookwood, and the office complexes on the west side of  
25 Brookwood. Ordinance #2010-01 adopts the plan, and it adopts the amended legal  
26 description as provided.

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28 **Ordinance #2010-02 – An Ordinance adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing**  
29 **for the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois, Lincoln Highway and**  
30 **Western Avenue Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. This is on**  
31 **First and Second Reading** – Administrator Mekarski stated that Ordinance #2010-02  
32 approves the Tax Incremental Financing for the newly created TIF District. In essence,  
33 the Ordinance gives direction to the Cook County Clerk to establish a separate taxing  
34 mechanism so that once the tax increment is generated; it will be distributed to the  
35 Village. The Village Attorney prepared both of the Ordinances. Teska Associates, Inc  
36 scrutinized the Ordinances.

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38 Administrator Mekarski stated that the third Motion is authorization for the Village Clerk  
39 and the Deputy Village Clerk to provide the legal required advertising and the  
40 notification of the taxing bodies once the Ordinances are approved by the Board.

41 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve on First and**  
42 **Second Reading, proposed Ordinance #2010-01 – An Ordinance Designating the**  
43 **Village of Olympia Fields Lincoln Highway and Western Avenue Tax Increment**  
44 **Redevelopment Project Area, Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Program.**

1 Trustee Nale stated that in regard to Ordinance #2010-01, on Page 5, under "I," it says,  
2 "The Redevelopment Plan and Project will not result in the displacement of residents  
3 from 10 or more inhabited residential units." Trustee Nale inquired as to what that meant.  
4 President Jones stated that is a legal component of the Illinois Statute. He stated that we  
5 know it won't result in the displacement of any residents. The legal standard for  
6 constructing a TIF of this type is 10 or less residential units. That is why the language is  
7 written the way that it is written. The Village follows the statutory language. He stated  
8 that there are no residential units in the TIF area. It is commercial.

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

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11 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to approve on First and**  
12 **Second Reading proposed Ordinance #2010-02 – An Ordinance adopting Tax**  
13 **Increment Allocation Financing for the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County,**  
14 **Illinois, Lincoln Highway and Western Avenue Tax Increment Financing**  
15 **Redevelopment Project Area.**

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

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18 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to authorize the Village**  
19 **Clerk to certify final copies of each Ordinance and forward to the Village's Legal**  
20 **Advisor to record them with the Cook County Clerk, and; Further, authorize the**  
21 **Deputy Village Clerk to publish in the SouthTown Star "NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
22 **OF AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN."**

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

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25 President Jones stated that the Board should be proud of itself. The Board worked its way  
26 through a detailed, lengthy process. It followed the law. The Board did what it was  
27 suppose to do. The Board has created an opportunity for significant development at that  
28 location. He stated that other than Currie Motors, Blockbuster, and the Valero Gas  
29 Station, there has not been any other businesses operating in that area for the last three or  
30 four years. President Jones stated that the principal developer is very happy that the  
31 Board moved at the pace that it has moved, because it works hand-in-hand with his  
32 strategies. Hopefully, in the weeks to come, some specific development ideas that the  
33 developer has will be shared with the Board. At that time, the developer will have  
34 contracts and he will know what he is bringing to the table. President Jones stated that  
35 Administrator Mekarski, the Village Attorneys, and the Village Planners did a good job  
36 moving the Village through this process.

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38 **IEPA Approval of Ordinance #2009-04 for the Comprehensive Sewer Rehabilitation**  
39 **Project – IEPA Stimulus Grant/Loan Program** – Administrator Mekarski stated that in  
40 the Board Packet is correspondence from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
41 dated January 5<sup>th</sup>, which states as follows: "Dear Mr. Jones: We have reviewed the  
42 enacted Sewer Use Ordinance and User Charge System, along with the audited financial  
43 statements for the Village. It appears that the User Charge System for the Village is  
44 producing sufficient revenues to ensure adequate operation; maintenance and  
45 replacement funds are available to provide service on a continual basis. The review of  
46 your enacted Sewer User Ordinance and User Charge System is hereby approved.

1 In addition, it appears the dedicated source of revenues will provide a continuing source  
2 of revenues adequate to make the loan repayments for the term of the loan. The  
3 Ordinance which authorizes \$6,200,000.00 in debt as evidenced by Ordinance No. 2009-  
4 04 adopted April 27, 2009 is hereby approved." Administrator Mekarski stated that the  
5 \$6,200,000.00 was the worse case scenario. He stated that when the Village began the  
6 application for the Federal Stimulus Funds, some of the ancillary requests were not  
7 approved by the IEPA. The next phase of the Comprehensive Sanitary Sewer Program is  
8 in the process of drafting the Loan Agreement.

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10 President Jones stated that this was the critical next step. Without this approval, the  
11 Village would have no chance of benefiting from this financing program. What the  
12 Village borrows from this program, 25% will be treated as a Grant, and the Village does  
13 not have to pay that back. The other 75% will be provided to the Village at zero percent  
14 interest over 20 years. He stated that this is an excellent deal. The actual loan amount will  
15 be under \$4,000,000.00. The bids are in for the cost of relining the sewers, and the  
16 manhole work that remains to be done, as well as the remaining components of the  
17 program. The Village bid those contracts. The bids have been approved. As soon as the  
18 funds are released, the Village can move forward with this program. President Jones  
19 anticipates that the work will be completed by the end of 2010, or by the spring of 2011.  
20 The work involves rehabilitating 60% of the sewer system in the Village of Olympia  
21 Fields. He stated that no other town in the State of Illinois is doing this.

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23 Administrator Mekarski complimented the Board and the Finance Committee for taking  
24 this on. President Jones stated that very few Municipalities end up getting this Loan  
25 Program at all.

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27 **Educational Commission Meeting** – Administrator Mekarski announced that the  
28 Educational Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Dr.  
29 Davis is bringing her Administrative Team. She is going to make a special presentation  
30 on the Charter School.

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32 **District 227 School Board Workshop** – Administrator Mekarski stated that on Tuesday,  
33 January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at Rich South, there is a key meeting regarding the  
34 Superintendent Search Process. Following the workshop, there is a School Board  
35 Meeting at 7:30 P.M. at the Rich South Auditorium. He stated that the School Board  
36 would be setting a Public Hearing date for the Charter School. He suggested having a  
37 postcard sent to the residents informing them when the Public Hearing will be held in  
38 order for them to attend and voice their comments at that time.

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40 Dr. Morgan stated that District 227 is well informed of when the Educational  
41 Commission meets. District 227 knows what they are doing when they schedule meetings  
42 for the same night and time as the Educational Commission.

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44 President Jones suggested that Trustee Oliver chair the Educational Commission Meeting  
45 and that Administrator Mekarski attend the meetings scheduled by District 227. Trustee  
46 Ormsby suggested changing the Educational Commission meeting. President Jones stated

1 that it has already been planned with Dr. Davis. He stated that as long as there are two or  
2 three people at the meetings being held by District 227 that can speak to the issues if  
3 given the opportunity, it would be fine. He stated that Bob Nale will be there along with  
4 Administrator Mekarski, and perhaps Mr. Veazey will attend as well.

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6 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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8 President Jones stated that he did not have a formal report this evening.

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10 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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12 The Board did not have any unfinished business.

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14 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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16 The Board did not have any new business.

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18 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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20 President Jones stated that he did not have any Resignations or Appointments.

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22 **CLOSED SESSION:**

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24 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to go into Closed**  
25 **Session to discuss matters of personnel at 8:19 P.M.**

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

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28 President Jones wished the members of the audience a Happy New Year.

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30 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to return to Open**  
31 **Session at 8:34 P.M.**

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

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34 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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36 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to adjourn at**  
37 **8:34 P.M.**

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

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40 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**