

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on March 9, 2009**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 9, 2009, at
6 the Olympia Fields Village Hall and was called to order by President Jones at 8:05 P.M.
7 The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll.

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9 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington, Nale, and Meyers-Martin
10 President Linzey Jones
11 Village Clerk, Judi Kay Rangel
12 Village Administrator – David Mekariski

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14 Absent: None

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16 **MINUTES:**

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18 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve the**
19 **Minutes of February 23, 2009, as presented.**

20 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

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22 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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24 President Jones stated he has Bills for Approval totaling \$92,381.27.

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26 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the payment**
27 **of bills for March 9, 2009, in the total amount of \$92,381.27.**

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

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30 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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32 President Jones opened up Communications and Petitions at 8:08 P.M. Mrs. Linda
33 Cesaro who resides at 3536 Parthenon Way in the Arcadia Subdivision provided
34 photographs to the Board. The photographs depict 207th and Sparta going into the
35 Arcadia School. Some of the photos are current and some are from last summer. They
36 depict the ruts that are on the grassy area on the side of the road. Mrs. Cesaro stated that
37 there is a lot of pedestrian traffic going to the park, the sledding hill, and to the Arcadia
38 School. The pedestrians have to walk through the ruts. Mrs. Cesaro stated that the
39 condition looks like an old country road and not like an upscale, bedroom community.
40 The area is embarrassing and an eyesore. Public Works comes out and re-seeds and adds
41 dirt now and then. One day this past winter, Mrs. Cesaro counted the number of vehicles
42 that entered and exited the Arcadia School at the corner of Parthenon and Sparta. There
43 were a total of 325 vehicles from 7:10 A.M. until 8:10 A.M. There were 27 long school
44 buses and eight mini school buses. She stated that there has to be a permanent solution.
45 Public Works goes out and repairs the damage, and within a short period of time the
46 damage is done again.

1 Mrs. Cesaro stated that the residents are not asking for all the streets around the Arcadia
2 School to be paved or have curbs. She indicated that most of the damage is by the
3 sledding hill where the traffic from Arcadia School exits, and where the bleachers are
4 located by the ball field next to the neighbor's home. There is no damage where there are
5 curbs. She stated that they put off coming to the Board because there were more pressing
6 issues, like the flooding. She is happy with what has been done to remedy the flooding so
7 far. She was hoping that maybe something could be done, especially if Sparta was going
8 to be redone this year. She realizes it is very difficult to put curbs in once the street has
9 been paved. She is hoping that something could be done to elevate the look of the
10 neighborhood.

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12 Administrator Mekarski stated that he spoke with Mrs. Cesaro prior to the Board
13 Meeting. He stated that Mrs. Cesaro realizes that the Village is looking at its
14 infrastructure, and the capital budget, and going through the budgetary process.
15 Administrator Mekarski stated that Mrs. Cesaro brought this to the attention of the Board
16 so the Village can investigate along with the Department of Public Works, and the
17 Village Engineer, to determine when the Village proceeds with road planning if the
18 Village can look at some kind of curb line to prevent this continual erosion of the right-
19 of-way.

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21 President Jones stated that he is glad that Mrs. Cesaro highlighted this issue to the Board.
22 He stated that this would be discussed with Public Works and Baxter & Woodman to
23 come up with a cost estimate and strategy to deal with this issue. Mrs. Cesaro stated that
24 the problem starts at 207th where the street turns in at the entrance into Arcadia. The
25 name of the street is Sparta. It is a tiny street. The street jogs past Parthenon and goes into
26 Arcadia. President Jones stated that the Village should speak to the School District about
27 this as well. The traffic is mainly coming from the school. Mrs. Cesaro stated that it is not
28 just the buses causing the problem, but the SUV's and cars as well.

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30 Trustee Ormsby stated that she spoke with Mrs. Cesaro prior to the Board Meeting. She
31 believes that this has to be looked at to see if it needs to be widened there. She stated that
32 the buses would always be coming in there. President Jones stated that we will take a
33 look at it, but curbing has to be looked at as well. He stated it can be made as wide as you
34 want, but people will still drive on the side of the road. He stated that a Road Program has
35 been approved for this spring. He stated the Village Engineer would have to look at this
36 to recommend the best way to deal with this problem.

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38 President Jones suggested that Mrs. Cesaro attend the Board Meeting on April 26th, 2009.
39 He should have feedback from Public Works and Baxter & Woodman on what can be
40 done and how the Village can pay for it. Mrs. Cesaro thanked the Board.

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42 **Active Transportation Alliance** - Ms. Gina Kenny stated that she is here with her
43 colleague, Mike Erickson. They are here with the Active Transportation Alliance.
44 Previously, it was called the "Chicagoland Bicycle Federation." They have a program
45 entitled "Footprints." They are trying to encourage people to use the car less, and take the
46 train, bus, bike, or walk. They have a Grant to help people do this through June. They can

1 help people plan routes by any mode of transportation. They will walk or ride the route
2 with you. They will answer any questions you have about commuting, such as how to put
3 your bike on a train or a bus, and how to lock your bike up and how to get a cheap bike.
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5 Ms. Kenny stated that on March 28th at 10:30 A.M. there would be a workshop on "Fix a
6 Flat" at Bryon's Shop in Homewood. There will be another "Fix a Flat" workshop on
7 April 11th, at My Bike in Tinley Park. Ms. Kenny stated that they would be willing to
8 hold a workshop in Olympia Fields if anyone can recommend a location. The Website is
9 www.activetrans.org/footprints. Ms. Kenny will leave brochures in the lobby of Village
10 Hall on the program.
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12 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether or not they do this on an individual basis. Ms.
13 Kenny stated that they mainly do it on an individual basis. They have spoken at Libraries
14 and they can do it on a group basis. Ms. Kenny thanked the Board for their time.
15 President Jones thanked Ms. Kenny for coming in and informing everyone about the
16 program.
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18 **Matteson-Olympia Fields Baseball League** – Trustee Oliver announced that the
19 Matteson-Olympia Fields Baseball League would hold its Opening Day Ceremony for
20 the 2009 Season on April 25th, 2009. The parade begins at 10:30 A.M. starting at the
21 Public Works Building and proceeding through Arcadia. Everyone is invited to attend the
22 festivities at Bicentennial Park. Dr. Ernie Gibson would be throwing out the first pitch.
23 Trustee Oliver stated that they would be contacting the Homeowners Associations to
24 inform them about the event. The information will also be placed on the Village's
25 Website. There were other members of the public present but they did not wish to address
26 the Board. President Jones closed Communications and Petitions at 8:26 P.M.
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29 President Jones stated that if there was no objection, he was going to take one item out of
30 order on the agenda. President Jones would like to take up the matter of the IEPA Loan
31 Application.
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33 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**
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35 **IEPA Loan Application – Federal Stimulus Bill – Comprehensive Sanitary Sewer**
36 **Rehabilitation Program – Engineering Services Agreement Between the Village of**
37 **Olympia Fields and Robinson Engineering** – President Jones stated that prior to the
38 Board Meeting this evening the Board held a workshop. At the workshop, representatives
39 from Robinson Engineering made a presentation to the Board in connection with the
40 status of the Village's Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program in order for the Village to
41 take advantage of the Stimulus Bill put forth by President Obama. The Village would like
42 to take advantage of some funding that would reduce the Village's costs to complete the
43 program. The Village wants to move forward and advance the Engineering Contracts for
44 the remainder of Phases II and III. Once the Board approves the contracts and the
45 contracts are fulfilled, the Village will be in a position to bid in a timely manner. If the
46 Village is approved for the IEPA Loan Program, the Village has the opportunity to

1 implement the balance of the Sewer Rehabilitation Program, Phases II and III for roughly
2 50% less in interest costs than what was projected.

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4 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Village**
5 **President to enter into an Engineering Service Agreement with Robinson**
6 **Engineering, Project No. 09-138, entitled "Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II" submitted**
7 **on March 9, 2009, providing for engineering services to prepare plans, specifications**
8 **and bidding for three projects: a. Graymoor Lift Station - \$59,000.00; b. Manhole**
9 **Rehabilitation Design and Inspection - \$94,400.00; c. Pipe and Lateral Lining**
10 **Design and Inspection - \$419,490 for a total engineering cost of \$572,890; to**
11 **facilitate an application under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for an**
12 **IEPA Grant/Loan assistance to provide for a twenty-five percent grant with a**
13 **remaining principal to be repaid at zero percent interest over twenty years; with**
14 **said funds coming from the \$968,450 variance in our Phase I Sewer Rehabilitation**
15 **2.8 Million Dollar Bond Issuance.**

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

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18 President Jones thanked Russ Prekwas from Robinson Engineering for attending the
19 workshop and for his help in this matter.

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21 **FINANCE:**

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23 **Ordinance #2009-01** Trustee Pennington stated that this evening he had Ordinance
24 #2009-01 – An Ordinance Abating the 2008 Tax Levy for the General Obligation Bonds,
25 Series 2005A of the Village of Olympia Fields. He stated that this is on First Reading.

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27 President Jones stated that this is done each year to ensure that Cook County doesn't levy
28 property tax for the payment of the interest and principal on these Bonds. This is the
29 Alternate Revenue Bond that the Board adopted in 2005, which was paid for out of
30 general funds. This ensures that there is no additional property tax levy on the residents in
31 connection with this debt service.

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33 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve on**
34 **First Reading proposed Ordinance #2009-01 – An Ordinance Abating the 2008 Tax**
35 **Levy for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A of the Village of Olympia**
36 **Fields.**

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

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39 **Finance Committee Meetings** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Finance Committee
40 met with the Department Heads from the Police Department and the Department of
41 Public Works on March 6th, 2009. They went over their Budgets for 2009-2010. The
42 meeting went very well. Trustee Pennington thanked Willett Hudson, who is a member of
43 the Finance Committee for her insight and comments during the meeting.

1 Trustee Pennington stated that the Finance Committee would be meeting on March 13th,
2 2009, at 2:00 P.M. to finalize the review of the Department Budgets with Administration,
3 Building, and Planning.

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5 Trustee Pennington stated that the first Board Meeting on the Budget is scheduled for
6 Saturday, March 21st, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. The Board will look at the entire Budget, post
7 Finance Committee review. Assuming that additional time will be needed, there is a
8 tentative meeting scheduled on April 4th, with the Board of Trustees.

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10 **BUILDING:**

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12 Trustee Ormsby stated that she did not have a formal report this evening. Trustee Ormsby
13 stated that on March 11th, 2009, she along with Trustee Gibson and Jim Peterson, the
14 Building Commissioner would meet to go through the applications for the new Code
15 Enforcement Officer. Trustee Gibson, Trustee Ormsby and Building Commissioner Jim
16 Peterson will begin interviewing the applicants the week of March 16th. Trustee Nale will
17 be involved in the final selection process.

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19 **PLANNING:**

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21 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have a formal report this evening.

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23 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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25 **IEPA Loan Application – Federal Stimulus Bill – East and West Water Tank**
26 **Painting – Engineering Services Agreement Between the Village of Olympia Fields**
27 **and Baxter & Woodman Engineers** – Trustee Oliver stated that for the past several
28 years Public Works has had a five-year program in which we were trying to have our
29 water towers painted. He stated that thanks to the Stimulus Bill and the American
30 Recovery and Reinvestment Act the possibility exists that the Village might be able to
31 have the east and west water towers painted inside and outside. Trustee Oliver turned the
32 matter over to Administrator Mekarski.

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34 Administrator Mekarski stated that he received a Memorandum today from Baxter &
35 Woodman. A copy of the Memorandum dated March 9th, 2009 was provided to the
36 Board. There is a contractor's estimate attached from Taylor Coating Sales, Inc.
37 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village had an independent contractor look at the
38 two towers. They are both in need of interior and exterior painting. The life span of the
39 coating to the tank is 10 to 15 years. The tanks have not been painted in the last 12 to 14
40 years. The west tank has paint coming off on the interior of the tank.

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42 Trustee Oliver stated that causes no adverse effects to the residents. Administrator
43 Mekarski stated that the Village has an opportunity to take advantage of a low interest
44 loan or a possible Grant through the Stimulus Bill, through the American Recovery and
45 Reinvestment Act. 80 Million Dollars has been reserved for local projects statewide.
46 Those applications include the Public Drinking Water System, the maintenance, and the

1 rehabilitation of water towers. This project is being advanced for the Board's
2 consideration to facilitate a contract with Baxter & Woodman for an hourly contract and
3 approximating \$20,000.00 to prepare all facility plans, Loan Applications, and
4 documentation to the IEPA in order to meet the deadline of August 15th for bid letting to
5 paint the two towers. If the Village is selected and placed on the 2009 IEPA Water
6 Priority List, the Village has the opportunity to defer some of that cost by 25% as an
7 outright Grant, and the remaining would be at a zero interest rate for 20 years. The debt
8 service associated with this project, the conservative cost is approximating about
9 \$25,000.00 a year. That is assuming that both towers cost about \$750,000.00 for repair.
10 The estimate for the total repair is in the neighborhood of \$500,000.00 and \$750,000.00.
11 The Village will not receive the detailed estimates until further engineering is completed.

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13 **Motion by Trustee Meyers-Martin, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the**
14 **Village President to enter into an engineering service agreement from Baxter &**
15 **Woodman dated March 5, 2009, to facilitate an application under the American**
16 **Recovery and Reinvestment Act for an IEPA loan application assistance to provide**
17 **for a twenty-five percent grant with a remaining principal to be repaid at zero**
18 **percent interest over twenty years to facilitate the interior and exterior painting of**
19 **the Village's East and West elevated water tanks; with said funds coming from the**
20 **Fiscal Year 09-10 Water Fund Account.**

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22 President Jones informed Trustee Pennington that the expenditure for the Engineering
23 Service Agreement does not occur until the next fiscal year. He stated that the Village
24 feels it has an opportunity to do something here that needs to be done. There is the
25 opportunity to have it done in a more cost effective way than what the Village would
26 normally do. The Village could have gotten a conventional bank loan. The interest would
27 have been at 3%, 4%, or 5%. President Jones stated that there is no guarantee that the
28 Village will be accepted for this. He stated that even if the Village is not accepted for
29 this, the engineering work that will be done will be useful to the Village down the road if
30 it ends up doing it through some other financing mechanism. President Jones urged the
31 Board for their support of this Motion.

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33 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired of President Jones as to how long after a water tower is
34 painted on the inside, do you have to wait until it is useable again to store water, and
35 where is the water placed while the tank is being painted. President Jones stated that the
36 process is done while the water remains in the tank. The water is being chlorinated. The
37 water tanks are not drained during the period of time that this work is being done. Scuba
38 divers perform the interior work. He stated that the material that is used adheres
39 immediately. It is not like paint, it is an epoxy. Trustee Pennington stated that it would
40 not have a material effect on the water.

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42 President Jones stated that he will have Joe Alexa submit a Memo to the Board that will
43 answer those questions, and it will address any concerns the Board may have about the
44 water quality as well during this process. One section of the Village will not be without
45 water during this process.

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

1 **Dump Truck with Snowplow and Salt Spreader Purchase** – Trustee Oliver stated the
2 second part of his report has to do with the purchase of a new dump truck with a
3 snowplow and salt spreader. As part of the 2008 Budget Process, the Board approved the
4 funds for this truck. This truck is much smaller than the one that was recently approved
5 for last year. This is a one-ton truck. Trustee Oliver stated that according to Joe Alexa,
6 the Village has a unique opportunity to take advantage of the South Suburban Mayors
7 and Managers Association's Program by purchasing this truck at this point in time.
8 Trustee Pennington stated that the Finance Committee discussed this at their meeting last
9 Friday, and the Finance Committee did not have a problem with this purchase. President
10 Jones stated that this was budgeted at \$55,000.00. The bid is \$47,586.00. There is a
11 savings to the Village of \$7,500.00. It is proportioned out over the three different funds.
12 President Jones stated that the Village still owns the other truck. This will just give the
13 Village a more robust vehicle. He stated the bid is awarded to Currie Motors in Frankfort.
14 He stated it is good to see a purchase being made to a business that is in our community.

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16 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve the purchase of a**
17 **dump truck with a snowplow and salt spreader for an amount not to exceed**
18 **\$47,586.00.**

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

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21 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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23 **Goals of Building Commissioner/Community Service Officer** – Trustee Nale stated
24 that in the Board Packet is the last of the five Departmental Goals. Trustee Nale stated
25 that before the Board this evening is the Goals for the Building
26 Commissioner/Community Service Officer. Trustee Ormsby stated that she read it and it
27 is fine.

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29 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to adopt the Goals of the**
30 **Building Commissioner/Community Service Officer.**

31 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

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33 Trustee Nale thanked President Jones, Administrator Mekarski, and the Department
34 Heads for their input on each one of these sets of Goals. She hopes that all of these Goals
35 will be placed in the New Resident Handbook when it is ordered. President Jones stated
36 that Administrator Mekarski would have all of the Goals posted on the Village's Website.
37 President Jones stated that he noticed that the Budget doesn't contain a revision for the
38 New Resident Handbook. He stated that would be taken up in discussions on the Budget.
39 He stated that the New Resident Handbook should be updated. It has not been updated in
40 about three years.

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42 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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44 **RedFlex** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that she is happy to report that at last the
45 RedFlex camera at Route 30 and Governors Highway started to produce the results that it
46 was expected to since it was first installed. All of the paperwork has been done to have

1 the camera at Orchard and Route 30 in place. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that after the
2 snow season is over, or after April 15th, 2009, it will be determined whether or not the
3 installation of the camera at Orchard and Route 30 will be the same type of installation as
4 the camera at Route 30 and Governors Highway, or whether the installation of the camera
5 at Orchard and Route 30 will require something additional as far as the steel grate, which
6 may require them going underground with a more elaborate installation.

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8 **Traffic Enforcement – Speeding** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that Chief Chudwin
9 reported to her that the police department has continued to do their traffic enforcement,
10 wherein speeding has been reduced dramatically within the Village.

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13 **Stimulus Bill** - President Jones stated that the police department is working towards
14 obtaining funds from the Stimulus Bill as well. The police department is reviewing the
15 application process under the COPS Money and under the Byrne JAG Money. One
16 opportunity is to position the Village to employ an additional police officer with the
17 Federal Government picking up the cost of that officer for three years. The Village had in
18 its 2015 plan, a projection of hiring one to three additional officers over the next five to
19 six years.

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21 President Jones stated that the police department is making an application to update the
22 technology of the computers that are in the squad cars. That technology costs in the
23 neighborhood of \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. There is the opportunity to offset or defray
24 some of that expense through the Federal Stimulus Money. The police department is also
25 looking into in-car video cameras for the squad cars. The Village believes that these are
26 important for the safety of the police officers and the safety of the public.

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28 President Jones stated that there is another application to provide additional weaponry of
29 increased power that the police department should have in its auxiliary arsenal in the
30 squad cars.

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32 **Video Surveillance Project** - Administrator Mekarski stated that if there were an
33 opportunity, the Village would add to the Video Surveillance Project at the 203rd Street
34 Corridor.

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36 President Jones stated that the Village finished the Budget for the current phase. There is
37 a \$24,000.00 shortfall in completing this phase. He stated that St. James Hospital is a
38 participant and a beneficiary in this video surveillance strategy, which was developed
39 between the 203rd Street Corridor. The Village spoke with St. James Hospital and they
40 have agreed to pay the \$24,000.00. President Jones stated that this is good news for the
41 Village and the taxpayers. He stated that this project was done without using a dollar of
42 local Olympia Fields tax dollars. The Village relied on State Grants to do the lion share
43 of the work. In order to augment this strategy, additional cameras are needed along the
44 203rd Street Corridor, including the parking lot. Additional cameras are needed at 211th
45 Street. This is what the Village is trying to obtain through the Stimulus Package.

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

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3 **Market Manager - 2009 Farmer's Market** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the
4 first item on his report is the Market Manager for the Farmer's Market 2009 Season. In
5 the Board Packet is a Memorandum dated February 23rd, 2009. At the last Board Meeting
6 the proposal to move the Farmers Market from Olympia Square to the United Methodist
7 Church failed for lack of a second. Trustees Ormsby and Gibson volunteered to meet
8 with Mr. Marxman to discuss improvements to the Market; explore the feasibility of
9 retaining the Market at Olympia Square; as well as discussing holding the Market on
10 Saturday instead of on Friday. As a result of that meeting, Mr. Marxman has revised his
11 proposal, and at the request of the two Trustees tailored this year's Market to more of a
12 pure, true Farmer's Market. The number of vendors will be reduced. There will be 10 to
13 15 vendors. All of the vendors will be farm and produce related. There will not be any
14 arts and crafts vendors at the Market. This will provide additional parking spaces to
15 accommodate the other businesses in Olympia Square.

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17 Administrator Mekarski stated that the two Trustees have spoken with former vendors
18 and have discussed the possibility of having a weekend Farmer's Market. There may be
19 an opportunity to have the Farmer's Market held on Sunday's. Holding the Market on a
20 Saturday appears to be in conflict with the other Markets that are held around the region.
21 The discussions on those matters are still ongoing.

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23 Administrator Mekarski stated that he has prepared a Motion recommending that Mr.
24 Marxman continue with the Market this year at Olympia Square. He is willing to work
25 with Trustees Ormsby and Gibson in looking for another Manager for the Market and
26 looking at alternative days.

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28 Trustee Ormsby stated that she and Trustee Gibson met with Mr. Marxman regarding
29 their disappointment in the Market last year. They did not feel that the vendors were up to
30 the standards that they wanted. They discussed the loss of the main vendor, Mrs.
31 Dickman, who sold the chickens. There is some animosity between Mrs. Dickman and
32 Mr. Marxman. Trustee Ormsby stated that Mr. Marxman was surprised that the Village
33 was disappointed with the Market last year. He came back with a proposal complying
34 with some of the items that were requested. They did ask for a Saturday Market. Mr.
35 Marxman had committed to give that Market to New Lenox. Trustees Ormsby and
36 Gibson spoke with Mrs. Dickman.

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38 Trustee Gibson stated that she does not personally like Mr. Marxman or his attitude
39 concerning Olympia Fields. She believes that the Village is in a bit of a bind, and that as
40 long as Mr. Marxman adheres to the concerns of the Village that he should go ahead with
41 the Market for this year. She stated that through the summer and fall the Village would be
42 looking into a different aspect for next year. Trustee Gibson stated that the Dickman's
43 have agreed to assist the Village in finding another Market Manager.

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45 Trustee Gibson stated that at the commencement of the Farmer's Market, Mr. Marxman
46 stated he was a tried and true professional businessman. She believes that as a

1 professional businessman he should have had insurance. She believes that he blames the
2 Village for some of the things that have happened to him and the expenses he has had to
3 incur. She does not like his attitude in regard to that. She stated that there was an opening
4 for a Saturday Market and Olympia Fields was first up for it. But Mr. Marxman went
5 ahead and gave that to New Lenox. She did not feel that was fair, in light of the fact that
6 he already had a Market in Olympia Fields.

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8 Trustee Gibson stated the other concern she has is that Mr. Marxman has secured money
9 from St. James Hospital in the amount of \$10,000.00 for advertisements for all of the
10 Markets that he manages. She is concerned about the increase in fees from \$3,500.00 to
11 \$5,000.00. The increase in fees was in order for him to obtain liability insurance that he
12 needs. As it stands now, he will be considered a part-time employee of the Village so that
13 he will have that liability coverage. She felt that the Board should be aware of all this
14 prior to the Board making a decision in this matter.

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16 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to sponsor the Olympia**
17 **Fields Farmer's Market at Olympia Square consistent with the letter from Merrill**
18 **Marxman, Market Manager, dated February 12, 2009, and retain Mr. Marxman as**
19 **a seasonal part-time employee to manage the 2009 season for an aggregate amount**
20 **not to exceed \$5,000.00 and allow the Administration to reimburse him for**
21 **associated fuel expenses related to the management of the 2009 season.**

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23 Trustee Pennington stated that he has a problem naming Mr. Marxman as a seasonal part-
24 time employee. He stated that he has considerable experience in this and under no
25 circumstances would his company allow Mr. Marxman to be a part-time employee when
26 he is suppose to be an incorporated entity already. He does not see the rationale for taking
27 a chance of having Mr. Marxman getting involved in another action that will bring the
28 Village into the picture. He understands doing it for those positions that are critical to the
29 Village such as the part-time electrical, plumbing, building and Health Inspectors. He
30 stated that the Village does not need a Farmer's Market per se. He stated that by adding
31 Mr. Marxman as a seasonal part-time employee, it adds further liability to the Village. He
32 stated that he couldn't approve that.

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34 Trustee Nale stated that she has worked with Mr. Marxman since the commencement of
35 the Farmer's Market. She stated that Mr. Marxman stated to her that he would be able to
36 run a Saturday Market. In regard to Mr. Marxman's \$5,000.00 fee, she believes that St.
37 James Hospital picked up several thousand dollars of that fee. This money does not
38 include his mileage, which would probably be another \$1,000.00. Trustee Nale stated that
39 the Village would be paying him \$6,000.00. She stated that she is not in favor of this.

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41 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustees Gibson and Ormsby as to how quickly Mrs.
42 Dickman can help them find a new Market Manager. Trustee Ormsby stated that Mrs.
43 Dickman would be interested in a Sunday Market. Mrs. Dickman suggested that the
44 Village find someone else to manage the Market. Mrs. Dickman doesn't have anyone in
45 mind to do that. Mrs. Dickman can pull all the vendors together. But she cannot manage

1 the Market. Trustee Ormsby stated that she would not consider doing this unless there is
2 somebody to manage the Market.

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4 Trustee Pennington inquired as to what Bizios position is on this matter. President Jones
5 stated that Bizios wants the Market. Burgundy Bistro and Bizios believe that the Market
6 is a feeder to their businesses. President Jones stated that the Village couldn't engage the
7 services of Mr. Marxman unless he has insurance because of the pending lawsuit that is
8 against him because of the accident that occurred at the Market two years ago. He is
9 unable to obtain insurance. The only way he can obtain insurance is if the Village brings
10 him on as a part-time employee. President Jones stated that IRMA and the Village
11 Attorney have looked into this matter and they do not feel it will pose a significant risk to
12 the Village. President Jones stated that he understands the point that Trustee Pennington
13 made because Trustee Pennington is in the insurance business and President Jones
14 respects Trustee Pennington's concern.

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16 President Jones stated that if the Board wants a Farmer's Market this year, it would be
17 Merrill Marxman or nothing. He stated it is highly unlikely that someone will come in at
18 this late date to put a Market together for the Village. Mr. Marxman has run the Market
19 for the last three or four years. On the whole, President Jones believes he has done a very
20 good job. President Jones agrees that Mr. Marxman is angry with him, in particular, due
21 to the fact that he told Mr. Marxman that as an Independent Contractor he should have
22 insurance and that the Village is not covering the lawsuit for him. Mr. Marxman has
23 addressed the concerns that were raised by Trustees Ormsby and Gibson with respect to
24 running the Market this year on a Friday. He understands that the Board is committed to
25 finding someone else to run a Market for the Village next year no matter what day it is
26 held on. President Jones believes that the Board has to balance out all of the concerns
27 being raised against the feeder opportunities to the businesses in Olympia Square.
28 President Jones stated that he appreciates the comments that were made.

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30 Trustee Pennington inquired as to whether or not Mr. Marxman is passing his costs for
31 liability insurance to his other facilities. President Jones stated that Mr. Marxman has no
32 liability insurance and he cannot get any because of the lawsuit. Trustee Gibson stated
33 that Mr. Marxman informed her and Trustee Ormsby that the other Villages do not
34 require him to have liability insurance. President Jones stated that they are fools and
35 Olympia Fields is not. Administrator Mekarski stated that this is the rate Mr. Marxman is
36 passing onto his other clients as well. He stated that he divided that amount by the
37 number of market days held in the season and it comes to \$240.00 per Market Day.
38 Administrator Mekarski stated that this includes coming in at 7:00 A.M. in the morning
39 and setting up the vendors, and ensuring they have Certificates of Liability Insurance,
40 solving problems throughout the day, taking care of the advertising, the Kids Day, the
41 Corn Day, the Farm Day and closing at 2:00 P.M. He stated that it is a lot of
42 responsibility.

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44 Trustee Oliver inquired as to what the season was for the Farmer's Market this year.
45 President Jones stated that this year it runs from June 15th to October 15th.

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1 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Farmer's Market was brought here to support Olympia
2 Square. She stated that it is important that the Market succeeds. She stated it has been a
3 positive event for the Village. The Market is in a good location. She stated that we would
4 have to see how Mr. Marxman does at running the Market this year. She did not like it
5 last year. Trustee Ormsby stated that President Jones is correct that the Village will not
6 have a Market this year without Mr. Marxman because there is no one else available to
7 manage it.

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9 President Jones called for the question. He stated the Motion is if a Trustee votes yes, the
10 Village will hire Mr. Marxman. If a Trustee votes no, the Village does not hire Mr.
11 Marxman.

12 **Roll Call: Ayes (4) Nays (2) (Trustees Pennington and Nale voted No). Motion**
13 **Carried.**

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15 Trustee Gibson stated that Administrator Mekarski did not enter into the Motion the other
16 items that were discussed concerning Burgundy Bistro. Administrator Mekarski stated
17 that those conditions could be added as a second Motion. Administrator Mekarski stated
18 that there were two conditions discussed at the subcommittee level. 1. Is ensuring that the
19 exclusive restaurant vendor would be provided to the new Burgundy Bistro in order to
20 promote that restaurant business. 2. Is to encourage Mr. Marxman to hire minority owned
21 vendors to participate as Farm Produce Vendors for the 2009 Season.

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23 Trustee Gibson stated that at Mr. Marxman's other Farmer's Markets the Olson's who
24 have a Catering Business are part of those Markets. They didn't think it was fair if the
25 Olson's came as competition to the Burgundy Bistro. President Jones stated that Mr.
26 Marxman would be told that the Olson's will not participate at the Farmer's Market in
27 Olympia Fields and that he should diversify his vendors.

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29 **Resolution #2009-04 – A Resolution Authorizing Support for the Illinois Vacant and**
30 **Abandoned Properties Act** – Administrator Mekarski apologized to the Board for not
31 having the Resolution in the Board Packet. He just received this today. Administrator
32 Mekarski stated that President Jones sent him to participate in a regional discussion on
33 the Foreclosure crisis. The seminar was held at the Federal Reserve Bank. This was held
34 in full participation with Diversity, Inc. and Mr. Joe Martin.

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36 Administrator Mekarski stated that there was a regional dialog on changes to Illinois Law
37 to give communities additional rights that they currently do not have, to regulate, and
38 monitor, and help preserve property assets that are associated with Foreclosures. There
39 are three major elements that are now being proposed into law. 1. A Notice
40 Requirement - Requiring mortgage servicers or other relevant entities to provide
41 Municipalities Notice when a Foreclosure Action is initiated and completed, and when a
42 tax sale is completed. 2. Land Banking - Authorizing Municipalities to create land banks,
43 which can hold property at a time when there is no private market interest, and ensure
44 adequate property maintenance, and packaged properties from road economic
45 development and community revitalization. 3. Property maintenance - Authorizing
46 Municipalities to create vacant and abandoned property ordinances, hold lenders

1 responsible for maintaining vacant and abandoned properties, and recover the costs of
2 maintaining vacant and abandoned properties.

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4 Administrator Mekarski stated that many times Municipalities are not aware of the
5 Foreclosure Process going on. Individuals will move out and terminate their services with
6 the utility companies and, ultimately, the property becomes flooded from the rain and the
7 property deteriorates sometimes to the point of demolition being necessary. This results
8 in a potential \$5,000.00 problem turning into a much more costly problem. The property
9 then becomes derelict and delinquent. Administrator Mekarski believes that the Notice
10 and the Property Maintenance were a direct result of the conversations that Olympia
11 Fields and Diversity, Inc. provided at the regional conference. He is pleased to see that it
12 was placed in the proposed legislation. The Resolution asks for the Board's support for
13 the passage of House Bill 1195 and Senate Bill 1409. It encourages the Board to ensure
14 that the legislative delegation supports this legislation on the House and the Senate Floor.

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16 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve**
17 **proposed Resolution #2009-04.**

18 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.**

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20 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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

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24 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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26 The Board did not have any unfinished business.

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28 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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30 The Board did not have any new business.

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32 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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34 **Appointment of Ngozi Okorafor to the Finance Committee** - President Jones stated
35 that after consultation with Trustee Pennington, he hereby appoints Ngozi Okorafor to the
36 Finance Committee. He stated that in the Board Packet is a copy of her pretty outstanding
37 Resume. Trustee Ormsby stated that it is pretty impressive. President Jones stated that
38 Ngozi grew up in Olympia Fields. She received her B.A. at Yale University. She attended
39 the University of Illinois College of Law. She received her J.D. in 1998. She has worked
40 at the State Legislature level. She is currently Legal Counsel to the Capital Development
41 Board. President Jones and Trustee Pennington believe that Ms. Okorafor will be a good
42 contributor to the Finance Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to adjourn at 8:27 P.M.

Voice Vote: All Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.