

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on April 13, 2009**

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5 The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Village Clerk, Judi Rangel asked for a
6 Nomination for President in the absence of President Jones.

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8 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to Nominate and Elect**
9 **Trustee Meyers-Martin as President Pro Tem to conduct the meeting this evening in**
10 **the absence of President Jones.**

11 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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13 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 13, 2009, at
14 the Olympia Fields Village Hall and was called to order by President Pro Tem Meyers-
15 Martin at 7:30 P.M. The Clerk called the roll.

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17 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington and Nale
18 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin
19 Village Clerk, Judi Kay Rangel
20 Village Administrator – David Mekariski

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22 Absent: President Linzey Jones

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24 **MINUTES:**

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26 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to dispense with the reading**
27 **of the Minutes of March 23, 2009.**

28 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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30 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve the Minutes of**
31 **March 23, 2009, as presented.**

32 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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34 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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36 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that she has Bills for Approval totaling
37 \$223,662.63.

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39 Trustee Ormsby inquired of the bill for "Bechstein" under "Building" for the "demolition
40 on Sparta." Administrator Mekariski stated that he is not sure if that is a lien on the
41 property, or a direct invoice to the current property owner. Trustee Pennington stated that
42 he thought it was a direct invoice.

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44 Trustee Gibson inquired of the bill under "Administration" for the "Hyatt Regency
45 Minneapolis" charge as well as the charge for "Brenda Singleton." Administrator
46 Mekariski stated that as part of his contract, he is required to go to the American Planning

1 Association National Conference. This year he is required to obtain 32 credit hours in
2 order to maintain his AICP Certification, which is his National Planning Certification.
3 The seminar in Minneapolis covered his 32 credit hours for another two years.

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5 Trustee Pennington stated that he thought there was a reimbursement for the fees charged
6 to Miss Singleton for her use of the conference center. He recalls seeing the invoice in the
7 billings that he reviewed on Friday.

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9 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the payment of**
10 **bills for April 13, 2009, in the total amount of \$223,662.63.**

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

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13 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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15 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:36 P.M.
16 **CVS Pharmacy** - Mrs. Willett Hudson stated that she received a number of calls
17 concerning the construction of the CVS Pharmacy. She inquired as to whether or not an
18 article could be placed in the Village Newsletter explaining that Olympia Fields is still
19 conserving the Village's trees. She stated that residents were concerned that the Village is
20 cutting down trees when it claims to be a tree Village.

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22 Trustee Ormsby stated that she would be glad to help with that. She stated that she would
23 provide Mrs. Hudson with a copy of the Final Landscaping Plan for CVS once she
24 receives it. She stated that the Village is not cutting down trees.

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26 Trustee Gibson stated that over a year and a half ago, or two years ago, when the process
27 started on the CVS Pharmacy, it was indicated that there might be one or two areas in
28 order for that particular corner to pass inspection all around, that a tree might have to be
29 taken out here or there. There would not be wholesale tree cutting. She stated that it
30 might be a good idea to refresh the memory of the residents of what went on when the
31 CVS was approved.

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33 Administrator Mekarski stated that there would be limited tree clearing to the rear of the
34 CVS, and along Lincoln Highway. He stated that the Plan Commission and the Board of
35 Trustees moved the development as close as they could to Lincoln Highway in order to
36 preserve the majority of the woodlands in the back. Almost one-third of the site will be
37 provided to the Village in Conservancy and protected in perpetuity. It will consist of a
38 very unique habitat with wetland fingers and upland hardwoods. Administrator Mekarski
39 stated that he has an outline, or a board that he can bring to the next meeting and
40 elaborate on that. He stated that he could discuss the development and the tree
41 conservation in the next newsletter.

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43 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that there is a member of the United States Air
44 Force in the audience. She stated that we are very pleased to have you here. She asked the
45 gentleman to come up and introduce himself.

1 **Airman First Class Griffin** - Mr. Joshua Griffin stated that he is a representative of the
2 United States Air Force. He is an Airman First Class. With him this evening is his
3 mother, Carolyn Taylor-Mix and his stepfather, Goldmon Mix. Airman First Class
4 Griffin stated that he did not expect to speak this evening. This is the first time he has
5 attended a Board Meeting. He wanted to see what the main topics were that are covered
6 at the Board Meeting. His ambition is to pursue politics at one period in his life. His
7 pinnacle is to become the Secretary of Defense for the United States of America. He
8 believes there are opportunities that exist in the community, and in local areas, for him to
9 get a learning standpoint to obtain his objective. Airman First Class Griffin believes that
10 the Board carries valuable assets to the community. From observing the Board, he
11 realizes that they are concerned with preserving the mission of Olympia Fields, which
12 includes agriculture. He stated that the Board pays attention to detail.

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14 Trustee Pennington asked Airman First Class Griffin if he was assigned to a station
15 within close proximity to Olympia Fields. Airman First Class Griffin stated that he is
16 from Langley Air Force Base. He was deployed to Iraq from August 2008 to January of
17 2009. This is his first time home since his deployment. He is a Service Apprentice for the
18 United States Air Force. He helps to manage buildings and facilities that they consider
19 Mission Support Groups, which include dining facilities, recreational facilities, and
20 fitness facilities. It is also hotel management. His specialty is Food Service Management.
21 For the past two years since his enlistment, his primary job is to ensure that the soldiers
22 on the ground day-to-day that are carrying out the mission are properly fed, and are put in
23 lodging, and also have fitness facilities.

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25 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether or not he was going back, or if he was here for a
26 certain amount of time. Airman First Class Griffin stated that the Air Force allowed him
27 to withdraw from active duty in order to pursue an education. The military has a new GI
28 Bill that goes into affect this August. It will pay an individual's full tuition costs and still
29 keep that individual on salary as if they were on active duty. He stated that he is
30 interested in getting involved. (There was a round of applause for Airman First Class
31 Griffin) President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin closed Communications and Petitions at 7:45
32 P.M.

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34 **FINANCE:**

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36 Trustee Pennington stated that he did not have a formal report this evening.

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38 **BUILDING:**

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

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42 **PLANNING:**

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44 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have a formal report this evening. She stated that
45 we are still in the process of waiting to complete our work with the new Code
46 Enforcement Officer.

1 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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3 **Recommendation for Bid Award to Trine Construction Corporation for the**
4 **Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation in Graymoor and Hawthorne Hills** – Trustee
5 Oliver stated that the Public Works Department put out a bid for Sanitary Sewer Manhole
6 Rehabilitation in the Graymoor and Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions. Before the Board this
7 evening is the recommendation for Bid Award to Trine Construction Corporation in the
8 amount of \$64,979.78. Trustee Oliver stated that in the Board Packet there is a letter from
9 Robinson Engineering dated April 1st, 2009.

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11 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to approve the Bid Award**
12 **to Trine Construction Corporation in the amount of \$64,979.78 for the Sanitary**
13 **Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation in Graymoor and Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions.**

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

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16 **2009 Landscape Maintenance at the 203rd Street Metra Parking Lot/Detention Basin**
17 **and Cumberland Court** – Trustee Oliver stated the second item is for the bid for the
18 2009 Landscaping Maintenance at 203rd Street Metra Parking Lot. There were seven bids
19 that went out for this work. In the Board Packet is the list of the four lowest bids. Trustee
20 Oliver stated that Joe Alexa is recommending that the Board approve the bid from GT &
21 L Inc. in the amount of \$7,300.00. This company had been doing work in the Village for
22 sometime in the past.

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24 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale that the 2009 Landscape**
25 **Maintenance at the 203rd Street Metra Parking Lot/Detention Basin and**
26 **Cumberland Court be approved or awarded to GT & L Inc. in the sum not to**
27 **exceed \$7,300.00.**

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29 Trustee Pennington stated that one of the things that concern him is that when the Board
30 receives the Memorandums, they should have detail behind them evidencing and stating
31 with clarity the bids. Trustee Oliver stated that he had the same concern. Trustee
32 Pennington stated that we had this problem once before. He has a problem agreeing to
33 this without having specific detail. He would like to see the Bid Packets. Trustee Oliver
34 stated that he would have no problem putting this off until the next meeting. Trustee
35 Oliver stated that Mr. Alexa has been out of the office on vacation and he was unable to
36 obtain the paperwork prior to the meeting.

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38 Trustee Gibson inquired as to whether or not as Trustees we are in the habit of looking at
39 all the bids. Trustee Oliver stated that the Board would be provided with the bids and the
40 scope of services that was being required. Trustee Pennington believes at the very
41 minimum, the Board should see the accepted Bid Package. Trustee Ormsby stated that
42 she understands that Trustee Pennington is asking to see if they are indeed bidding what
43 the Bid Packet asks for with the scope of work. Trustee Pennington stated that the Board
44 is entitled to that information. Trustee Pennington stated that he is requesting the detailed
45 information that was submitted to Joe Alexa, which gave him the purpose in which to
46 find out exactly which one he wanted to accept. Trustee Pennington stated that he does

1 not want to see a Memo. He wants to see the material. Trustee Pennington stated that we
2 had this problem once before with snow removal. President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin
3 inquired as to whether or not there is a Motion to withdraw the Motion.

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5 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to withdraw the previous Motion.**

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7 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to table this matter to**
8 **the next Board Meeting.**

9 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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11 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to why there is a partial waiver of liens with regard to
12 Robinson Engineering and the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation in Graymoor and
13 Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions. She inquired as to whether or not the work was
14 completed. Trustee Oliver stated the work has been completed. Trustee Oliver stated that
15 there is time to make sure that all the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed. The Village
16 holds off 10% pending further investigation. The retainer represents the partial waiver.

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18 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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20 **Human Resource Committee** - Trustee Nale stated that there was a Human Resource
21 Committee Meeting on March 16th. There was a request for a donation to the United
22 Fund. After a discussion and a vote, the request was unanimously denied. President Jones
23 supported that decision as well.

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25 Trustee Nale stated at the Human Resource Committee Meeting, the Committee
26 discussed opinions for future programs for the upcoming budgeted year.

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28 **CPR Program** – Trustee Nale stated that there is a CPR Program scheduled for all
29 Department Heads and Trustees on Thursday, April 30th, at 9:00 A.M. The program will
30 go until, approximately, 11:00 A.M. She stated that those individuals that will be
31 attending should notify Cindy Saenz, Director of Finance no later than April 20th. She
32 urged all the Trustees to attend the program. She stated that knowing CPR is something
33 that nobody really thinks about until they find themselves in a situation where the
34 opportunity presents itself to either save a life or not know what to do.

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36 **Executive Safety Committee** – Trustee Nale stated that there was no new activity to
37 report at the Executive Safety Committee Meeting held on April 2nd. She stated at the
38 meeting Commander Frey reported that the first of two defibrillators that were purchased
39 for the Village is up and running. It is located in the center hallway by the police station.

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41 Trustee Nale stated that Commander Frey informed the Committee that the additional
42 cameras in the booking area are now functioning. The police trailer has been delivered.
43 The traffic vests have been received.

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45 Trustee Nale stated that Buzz Wilmont, who is the representative from the company
46 where the defibrillators were purchased, was present at the meeting to demonstrate the

1 correct usage of the defibrillator. The Executive Safety Committee has not been able to
2 come up with any ideas of how more of the residents could learn how to use the
3 defibrillator. She stated that it is not difficult to use the defibrillator. There are details that
4 you need to know especially when you are in a stressful situation. The Executive Safety
5 Committee is trying to decide where the defibrillator for the Public Works Department
6 should be located.

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8 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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10 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have a formal report this
11 evening.

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13 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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15 **Administrator Mekarski thanked Airman First Class Griffin on behalf of President**
16 **Jones and the entire Board for serving our country.**

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18 Administrator Mekarski stated that he has four Ordinances to present to the Board. The
19 Ordinances were discussed at the work session held by the Board a week ago. The
20 Ordinances are the backbone to afford the Village to apply for a series of IEPA Grants
21 and Loans through the Federal Stimulus Program. Administrator Mekarski stated that
22 due to the proactive nature of the Board, the Village is in a position to be on the 2009
23 IEPA Priority List to receive, essentially, a 25% Grant and a zero percent interest rate.
24 This will save the taxpayers almost 50% of the project costs. The project costs on
25 Ordinance #2009-02 are estimated to be 4.3 Million Dollars. This represents,
26 approximately, a 2.1 Million Dollars in savings.

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28 **Ordinance No. 2009-02 – An Ordinance Amending Section 21-48 of the Olympia**
29 **Fields Village Code to adjust the Basic User Charge and Minimum Basic User**
30 **Charge for Receipt of Village Wastewater Service -** Administrator Mekarski stated
31 that this would demonstrate the ability of the Village to pay for the remaining debt
32 service, which is calculated at a zero percent interest rate. \$3,225,000.00 would be
33 financed for 20 years at a zero percent interest rate, and the \$1,075,000.00 would be
34 provided as an outright Grant. This is before the Board on First Reading. Administrator
35 Mekarski stated that if the Board approves the Ordinance, it would be before the Board
36 for Second Reading and Adoption at the Board Meeting on April 27th, 2009. There will
37 be a public notification period of 30 days following its adoption on April 27, 2009. The
38 Ordinance is time sensitive. The Village is competing with other Illinois Municipalities
39 for \$180,000,000.00 statewide.

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41 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve Ordinance No.**
42 **2009-02, An Ordinance Amending Section 21-48 of the Olympia Fields Village Code**
43 **to Adjust the Basic User Charge and Minimum Basic User Charge for Receipt of**
44 **Village Wastewater Service in the First Reading; and the scheduling of a Second**
45 **Reading and Adoption at the regular Board Meeting of April 27, 2009.**

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

1 **Ordinance No. 2009-03 – An Ordinance Amending Section 21-21(a) of the Olympia**
2 **Fields Village Code to Adjust the Basic Water Rates and Minimum Charges for**
3 **Village Water Service** – Administrator Mekarski stated much like the IEPA Program for
4 rebuilding the Village's Sanitary Sewer System, this is a smaller Grant and Loan Package.
5 The Village is applying for \$607,000.00 through the IEPA. 25% of that will be received
6 in an outright Grant. The remaining balance of the debt service at, approximately,
7 \$22,000.00 annually would be at a zero percent interest rate. This would result in a
8 savings to the taxpayers in the amount of \$151,750.00, and the remaining balance of
9 \$455,250.00 would be set out for 20 years under the zero percent interest loan.

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11 Administrator Mekarski stated that the monies under this Grant/Loan Program are
12 designed to repaint both the interior and the exterior of the two water towers in the
13 Village, thereby extending their life for another 30 to 40 years. This is before the Board
14 for First Reading. If it were approved, it would be before the Board for Second Reading
15 and Adoption on April 27, 2009. There will be a public notification period of 30 days
16 following its adoption on April 27, 2009.

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18 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to authorize the Village**
19 **President to approve Ordinance No. 2009-03 – An Ordinance Amending Section 21-**
20 **21(a) of the Olympia Fields Village Code to Adjust the Basic Water Rates and**
21 **Minimum Charges for Village Water Service in First Reading; and scheduling a**
22 **Second Reading and Adoption at the regular Board Meeting of April 27, 2009.**

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

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25 **Ordinance No. 2009-04 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Olympia Fields**
26 **to Borrow Funds from the State of Illinois Water Pollution Control Loan Program -**
27 Administrator Mekarski stated that this is the accompanying Ordinance authorizing the
28 Village President and the Board of Trustees to enter into a Loan Agreement to provide
29 for the 25% Grant and the zero percent interest rates for 20 years. He stated that the
30 figures are somewhat different from the sewer rates, which were just set forth by
31 Ordinance No. 2009-02. This is being advertised for 6.2 Million Dollars. This gives an
32 opportunity for three possible elements. The first and primary element is what the Board
33 adopted under 2009-02, which is the 4.3 Million Dollar Sanitary Rehabilitation, which
34 involves the manhole rehabilitation and the pipe lining for the subdivision areas within
35 the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated that if the additional communities fail to be
36 competitive in the IEPA process, in other words, if they are not shovel ready by August
37 15th, which is the required date to determine if projects can receive Federal Stimulus
38 Dollars, there are three additional applications backing the Village's primary application.
39 \$650,000.00 to rebuild the Graymoor ponds. Administrator Mekarski stated that 1.3
40 Million Dollars is to rebuild the priority elements of the Village's nine Lift Stations. The
41 last project is the rebuilding of Country Club Drive. It is not contained in here. The
42 Village believes that it will not need to construct that, provided the Village is vigorous in
43 the Code Enforcement area and ensures there are disconnects of the 20 or 30 connections
44 that are in the Graymoor Subdivision. The IEPA has advised the Village to advertise, this
45 Ordinance, which is the authorization for the loan for the highest amount, which is 6.2
46 Million Dollars. If the IEPA only awards the Village the 4.3 Million Dollars, the Village

1 would scale back the authorizing Resolution to enter into the agreement from 6.2 Million
2 Dollars to 4.3 Million Dollars. If communities drop out because they are not shovel
3 ready, the Village would be in a position to increase the loan agreement to the higher
4 amount possibly carrying the Graymoor Ponds and possibly carrying the 1.3 Million
5 Dollar Lift Stations. It is an opportunity to save 50% of the project costs.

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7 Trustee Pennington inquired as to whether or not the Village would be informed by the
8 Village's engineering team, or the IEPA if those three projects would be included in the
9 major project. Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village should know sometime
10 between April 15th and June 15th. July 15th the projects have to go out and bid. They have
11 to start construction on August 15th. The IEPA will determine between April 15th and
12 June 15th whether or not the communities have completed their engineering, and whether
13 or not they have provided the Ordinance stating that they can pay. They will determine
14 whether or not the communities have authorized the Loan Agreement. They will
15 determine if the projects will be bid ready by July 15th. Administrator Mekarski stated if
16 they only award the primary project, the Village has a contingency plan for the Graymoor
17 Lift Station because it is critical. That would be carried under the variance the Village
18 received in the 2.8 Million Dollar Bond because of the low cost of construction savings.
19 If the Village gets all three elements, the one Ordinance would have to have some minor
20 adjustments on the 2030 schedule.

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22 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve Ordinance No.**
23 **2009-04 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Olympia Fields to Borrow**
24 **Funds from the State of Illinois Water Pollution Control Loan Program in First**
25 **Reading; and scheduling a Second Reading for Adoption at the regular Board**
26 **Meeting of April 27, 2009.**

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

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29 **Ordinance No. 2009-05** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the last item is the IEPA
30 loan for the water tower painting. This is Ordinance No. 2009-05. This parallels the
31 sewer redevelopment Grant and Loan. This is for a small loan in the amount of
32 \$607,000.00. 25% will be an outright Grant. The remaining principal would be paid over
33 the next 20 years. This is before the Board on First Reading. The Ordinance would be
34 before the Board on Second Reading on April 27, 2009. That would authorize the 30-day
35 posting period on this as well.

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37 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that for clarification, scuba divers do not do the
38 painting. Administrator Mekarski stated that scuba divers are put into the tank with
39 cameras and light equipment in order to do the inspection. After the inspection, the tank
40 is drained; it is sandblasted inside and painted with an epoxy polyurethane finish.

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42 Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski what the procedure is for saving that
43 water that is in the tank now. She inquired as to whether or not the Village uses that water
44 immediately or does it go back into the system. Administrator Mekarski stated that he
45 believes that it is drained into the system. The Village would rely on one tank. There
46 could be a supplemental pump that is installed at the tower. The tower elevates water to

1 the tower and creates pressure. In order to maintain the pressure throughout the Village,
2 they may have to make a manual pump to simulate the tank elevation while it is under
3 construction.

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5 Administrator Mekarski stated that it takes 30 days for the work to be done. Only one
6 water tower would be done at a time. President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that Joe
7 Alexa stated that they wait until the water level in the tank is low before they start to
8 work on it. Administrator Mekarski stated that the remaining one-eighth of the water
9 would be flushed out so that sediment is not picked up into the line.

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11 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve Ordinance**
12 **No. 2009-05 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Olympia Fields to Borrow**
13 **Funds from the State of Illinois Public Water Supply Loan Program in First**
14 **Reading; and scheduling a Second Reading for Adoption at the regular Board**
15 **Meeting of April 27, 2009.**

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

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18 **NIMEC Electrical Supply Bid – Sewer Lift Stations** – Administrator Mekarski stated
19 that a Resolution was provided to the Administration authorizing his office in
20 participation with Joe Alexa to participate in the March 30th bid results for NIMEC. He
21 stated that NIMEC is an electrical consortium. It is a group of Municipalities that under
22 deregulation have the right to bid for alternative energy. The winning bid was awarded to
23 Exelon at a savings of anywhere from 33.6% to 65.3% from last year's electrical prices.
24 Administrator Mekarski stated that what is before the Board is to accept the NIMEC Bid
25 for alternative electrical energy conducted on March 31st. This ratifies the execution of
26 the contract, which was signed by Administrator Mekarski at the bid deadline of March
27 31st.

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29 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby to accept the NIMEC Bid for**
30 **alternative electrical energy conducted on March 31st, 2009 and ratify the execution**
31 **of the contract for energy supply to the Village's three Lift Stations from Exelon**
32 **Energy through May 2010 ending meter reading.**

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

34
35 **Ordinance No. 2009-04** - Administrator Mekarski stated that in regard to Ordinance No.
36 2009-04, he found a typographical error. He has made the correction to the Ordinance.
37 This was before the Board on First Reading this evening. This did not have any impact on
38 the Motion that was previously passed.

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40 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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42 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have a report from the Village
43 President.

1 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
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3 **Roadway into Arcadia School** – Trustee Nale inquired as to whether or not anything has
4 been decided about the roadway to Arcadia. She inquired as to whether or not that has
5 been looked into as far as sidewalks and traffic that has caused a lot of nasty looking
6 lawns in that area. Trustee Gibson stated that Joe Alexa was assigned the task of
7 obtaining all the information needed for curbing in that area and reporting back to the
8 Board. Trustee Nale inquired as to whether or not Mr. Alexa has looked into that. Trustee
9 Gibson stated that she couldn't say because Mr. Alexa has not reported back to the Board.
10 Trustee Oliver stated that Mr. Alexa is out of the office this week.
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12 **Jewel/Osco in Olympia Fields** – Trustee Gibson stated that she was recently shopping in
13 the Jewel Store. She does not know whether the meeting with Administrator Mekarski
14 and the team of members that are studying the Western Avenue/Route 30 Corridor had
15 anything to do with the improvements in the Jewel Store, or whether it was due to the fact
16 it was Easter, but she did see many, many improvements. There were many Managers
17 present throughout the store inquiring of the customers what they can do and how can
18 they help. The products looked better, in particular, in the Produce Department. There are
19 two or three other special areas there. There is a full service seafood area upfront. There
20 is an area called "The Wing Shop." There are all kinds of chicken wings for sale there.
21 Trustee Gibson didn't know whether the letter that was in the Board Packet reminding the
22 Jewel that the Village is watching them, and that the Village wanted a better store there
23 had any impact on the changes at the store or not. Trustee Ormsby stated that is good
24 news to hear.
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26 **Bizios** – President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin inquired as to whether or not the Village's
27 concerted effort to promote Bizios has improved business for them. Administrator
28 Mekarski stated that John Bizios informed him that business has substantially increased.
29 They were working on some inventory control issues. The numbers are significantly up
30 from where they were a few months ago. Trustee Pennington stated that Bizios is running
31 a very fine commercial on cable. He stated that it is an excellent commercial and it rivals
32 that of Walt's. Administrator Mekarski stated that John's daughter did the production and
33 photography of the commercial. She is a producer for the Naperville local cable
34 television channel.
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36 **2009 Farmer's Market** – Administrator Mekarski stated that the Village has gone
37 through different options for this year's seasonal Farmer's Market. At the work session,
38 President Jones informed the Board that the Market Manager had withdrawn from the
39 Friday Market at Olympia Square. The Methodist Church had encouraged Mr. Marxman
40 to run a Saturday Market at Western Avenue and Joe Orr Road. Mr. Marxman decided to
41 withdraw from any market. The Olympia Fields Methodist Church, independent of the
42 Village, is attempting to pull together a Saturday Market. Mr. Marxman might be
43 surrendering all his vendors to the church. The Village would not be involved with any
44 insurance or any Employment Agreement, or any contract. The church would just be
45 asking for some flexibility and consideration from the Village for some temporary
46 signage on the berm of Western Avenue. There would be 30 to 35 vendors. The market

1 would run from June 15th to October 15th. There would be entertainment, food, produce,
2 cheese, bread and crafts. The church would provide the electricity and the restrooms. The
3 Village would be completely out of it. Trustee Gibson inquired as to whether or not there
4 would be any financial obligation to the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated that there
5 would be no financial obligation to the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated that,
6 hopefully, the quality of the Farmer's Market would still be maintained. He stated that if
7 it is a Saturday Market, it could be a win-win situation for all.

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9 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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11 **Tree City Status and Arbor Day Celebration** - Trustee Ormsby stated that she is very
12 happy to report that the Village did receive Tree City status again. (There was a round of
13 applause) She stated that the Beautification Committee has to submit that every year. As
14 part of that, the Village has to provide an Arbor Day Celebration and plant a tree. Trustee
15 Ormsby stated that she was hoping to plant a tree on the Aunt Martha's property since it
16 is treeless. Due to the fact, it is all retention area there; it is not conducive to growing a
17 tree. The Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Friday, April 17th, 2009, at 10:30 A.M.
18 The tree will be planted in this berm to the north side at Village Hall. Trustee Ormsby
19 stated that Administrator Mekarski suggested inviting the children from the school
20 behind Village Hall to participate in the celebration. She invited everyone to attend.
21 Dorthine Brown-Martin will be presenting a Tree City plaque to President Jones and the
22 Board probably at the next Board Meeting.

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24 **Fence surrounding Olympia Corners** – Trustee Ormsby state that she received in her
25 mailbox a letter from Jacqueline Santucci from the Village of Park Forest regarding the
26 fence that surrounds Olympia Corners. She is complaining about the fence being in
27 disrepair and she is looking to the Village for some direction. The fence has been subject
28 to some vandalism. There is some graffiti on it. The fence is falling over and there are
29 trees on it. Trustee Ormsby stated that she does not know if the Village is responsible for
30 the fence or whether the owner of Olympia Corners is responsible for the fence. Trustee
31 Ormsby stated that the letter was addressed to her and Trustee Meyers-Martin. Trustee
32 Gibson inquired as to whether or not that is the Village's responsibility. Trustee Ormsby
33 stated that she did not know. She thought it would be the responsibility of the owner of
34 the shopping center. She did not know that the fence was in disrepair. She stated
35 according to the letter it has been in disrepair for a long time.

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37 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that there was a similar problem with the fence
38 that separates the homes in The Trails and the Walgreens. That fence had fallen in
39 disrepair and the Village's position was that it was the responsibility of the Walgreens
40 and the various businesses in the plaza. Trustee Ormsby stated that it is important that we
41 take a look at this. The fence backs up to properties in Park Forest. Administrator
42 Mekarski will make a phone call and inquire on the matter.

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44 Trustee Gibson stated that in regard to the fence that separates the homes in The Trails
45 from the shopping plaza, the Building Commissioner informed her that the Sign
46 Committee will be meeting with the owner of the shopping center as well as one of the

1 tenants who is requesting something special. She stated that perhaps we could find out
2 what is going on there sometime next week.

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4 **Presentation of Certificates** - Village Clerk, Judi Rangel stated that she received a letter
5 from the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. There is a required class
6 under the Federal Homeland Security Act. She stated that the Certificates are important
7 not only to the individuals, but also to the Municipality to verify that the staff has been a
8 participant in the program. This is for the National Incident Management System. Village
9 Clerk, Judi Rangel presented Certificates to Trustee Gibson, Trustee Nale and President
10 Pro Tem Meyers-Martin. (There was a round of applause)

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12 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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14 President Pro Tem Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have any Resignations or
15 Appointments from President Jones.

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17 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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19 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 8:32 P.M.**

20 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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22 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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