

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on August 25, 2008**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 25, 2008, at
6 the Olympia Fields Village Hall and was called to order by President Jones at 7:33 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
10 Meyers-Martin
11 President Linzey Jones
12 Village Clerk – Judi Kay Rangel
13 Village Administrator – David Mekariski

14 Absent: None

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16 President Jones requested a moment of silence in remembrance of two long-standing
17 extended family members of the Village of Olympia Fields, Mayor, Mark Stricker, from
18 the Village of Matteson, and Jack Kelly, who passed away, and for the husband of one of
19 our employees, Scott Steward, who is in the hospital.

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21 **MINUTES:**

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23 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the Minutes of July**
24 **28, 2008, as presented.**

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

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27 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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29 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve the**
30 **payment of bills for August 25, 2008, in the total amount of \$217,342.84.**

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

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33 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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35 President Jones opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:36 P.M. President Jones
36 stated he wanted to recognize a long-standing member of the Olympia Field family, Jack
37 Kelly. President Jones stated Jack Kelly primarily worked with the Village in connection
38 with the Finance Committee. Mr. Kelly also worked with the Village in terms of
39 supporting the Village's insurance relationship with IRMA. President Jones stated the
40 Village of Olympia Fields prepared a Proclamation in honor of Jack Kelly. President
41 Jones read the Proclamation as follows: "Proclamation,

42
43 **WHEREAS**, Jack Kelly was born in Chicago on August 26, 1929; and

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45 **WHEREAS**, the father of two, Jack was active in coaching Little League Baseball for
46 the Matteson Park District servicing our greater regional community; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Jack gave to his community 50 years of voluntary service to St. Lawrence
2 O'Toole Roman Catholic Church; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, an employee of the Coroon and Black Insurance Company, Jack worked
5 himself up from Sales to Senior Vice President; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Jack, his wife Helen and sons Kevin and Brian, moved to Olympia Fields
8 in August 1977; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, Jack continued to contribute to his community as an active member of the
11 Village of Olympia Fields Finance Committee for more than ten years and served as a
12 long standing member to the Villages' Risk Management Committee as a delegate to the
13 Illinois Risk Management Association (IRMA); and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Jack Kelly was a recent recipient of the Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor;
16 and

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18 **WHEREAS**, Jack Kelly is survived by his loving son Brian, daughter-in-law Linda, and
19 his loving grandchildren Dan and John;

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21 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Linzey D. Jones, Village President of
22 the Village of Olympia Fields and its entire Board of Trustees; Carolyn Gibson, Debbie
23 Meyers-Martin, Shirley Nale, Kelvin Oliver, Susan Ormsby, and Willis Pennington,
24 hereby honor and remember a true steward of our community, **JACK KELLY.**"

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26 President Jones read the House Resolution in honor of Jack Kelly as follows: "State of
27 Illinois, Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, House of Representatives. House Resolution
28 No. 1429 Offered by Representative Al Riley.

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30 **WHEREAS**, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn
31 of the death of John T. Kelly of Olympia Fields, who passed away on June 23, 2008; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, John T. Kelly was a close friend of State Representative Al Riley; they first
34 met fourteen years ago when Mr. Kelly was serving with distinction on the Finance
35 Committee of the Village of Olympia Fields and Representative Riley served as a Village
36 Trustee and Finance Committee Chairman; and

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38 **WHEREAS**, John Kelly was the beloved husband of the late Helen, nee Kohout; the
39 loving father of Brian, spouse (Linda) and the late Kevin John; the cherished grandfather
40 of Daniel and John; the dear brother of Patricia (Lee) Nufer and the late Mary (the late
41 Joseph) Brennan; he is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and
42 friends; therefore, be it

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44 **RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-**
45 **FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**, that we mourn,
46 along with his family and friends, the passing of John T. Kelly; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of John
2 T. Kelly as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.
3 Adopted by the House of Representatives on July 15, 2008."
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5 Trustee Pennington in his capacity as Liaison and Chairman of the Finance Committee,
6 presented the Proclamation from the Village of Olympia Fields, and the House
7 Resolution to Brian Kelly, son of Jack Kelly. Trustee Pennington stated that Jack Kelly
8 was a truly great man and we will miss him tremendously. Brian Kelly on behalf of
9 himself, and his family, thanked the Board.

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11 **2008 Summer Landscape Awards** - President Jones turned the meeting over to Trustee
12 Ormsby for the 2008 Summer Landscaping Awards. Trustee Ormsby stated five members
13 of the Beautification Committee are present this evening. She stated Arlene Burke would
14 be making the presentations.
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16 Mrs. Burke stated the group was out for a day in July to view the homes that were
17 recommended by the Presidents of the Homeowners Associations. Present this evening
18 from the Beautification Committee are: Kay Mangan, Susan Moroney, Bev Sokol and Joe
19 Kunkel. Mrs. Burke stated it was very hard for the Committee to make a decision. She
20 stated there were homes where the landscapers do the yard work, and there were homes
21 where the homeowners do the yard work.
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23 Mrs. Burke stated the Third Place Award is presented to the Scanlon Family at 20311
24 Harding Avenue. They could not be here this evening. They will receive a \$50.00 Gift
25 Certificate to Sunnycrest Landscaping.
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27 Mrs. Burke stated the Second Place Award is presented to the Eldridge Family at 20855
28 Tower Circle in Maynegaite. Mrs. Burke presented to Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge a \$75.00
29 Gift Certificate to Sunnycrest Landscaping.
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31 Mrs. Burke stated the First Place Award is presented to the Francisco Family at 97
32 Graymoor. They will receive a \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Sunnycrest Landscaping. They
33 were not present this evening.
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35 Trustee Ormsby congratulated the award winners. She expressed her thanks to the
36 Beautification Committee for their hard work.
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38 Trustee Gibson expressed her sincere appreciation and love to everyone who has been
39 with her and her family during her latest health concerns. She appreciates the cards, the
40 flowers, the calls, and the visits at the hospital and at home, as well as the food that
41 people have brought.
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43 Members of the public were present in the audience. However, no one wished to address
44 the Board. President Jones closed Communications and Petitions at 7:48 P.M.
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1 **FINANCE:**

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3 **May 2008 Financial Statements** - Trustee Pennington stated he would be reporting on
4 the first quarter of the 2008/2009 Budget covering the months of May, June, and July.
5 The Budget becomes effective on May 1. Trustee Pennington stated the Village closed
6 out the month of May with a surplus of \$2,502,535.45. There was an actual budget
7 surplus of \$2,502,535.45 against a budgeted expense sum of \$2,371,976.44. Trustee
8 Pennington stated significant to the month of May is the fact that the Village booked the
9 2.8 Million-Dollar Bond Proceeds that the Village received when it sold the bonds on the
10 open market. That was a 2.8 Million-Dollar Revenue Source to the Village. There was
11 also an increase in the Utility Tax Revenue, as well as an increase in the Franchise
12 Revenue for May. Trustee Pennington stated the expenses for the month of May are
13 consistent with what they have been in the past. The expenses are comprised of salaries,
14 benefits, and typical ancillary expenses.

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16 **June 2008 Financial Statements** - Trustee Pennington stated there were some changes
17 in the month of June. The Village closed the month of June out fiscal year to date actual,
18 plus encumbrance in the amount of \$2,265,990.44. The actual compared to budget for the
19 month of June was a deficit in the amount of \$236,545.01, against a budgeted sum of
20 \$241,177.56. The Village planned for the deficit given the fact that the Village had the
21 following expenses incurring as a result. This spring the Village started its Sewer
22 Rehabilitation Program. There was a transfer to the Sewer Fund from the General
23 Account in the amount of \$135,000.00. There was an increase in the attorney's fees
24 during that month. Due to the summer months, and vacation time, there was an increase
25 in overtime expenditures at the police department. Two new vehicles were brought on
26 that were budgeted for during this period. Although, the Village budgeted for a deficit,
27 the fiscal year to date actual, plus encumbrance was at a surplus.

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29 **July 2008 Financial Statements** - Trustee Pennington stated for the month of July, the
30 Village had a fiscal year to date actual, plus encumbrance in the amount of
31 \$2,098,795.38. The Village budgeted for the month at a deficit. The expense deficit was
32 in the amount of \$213,627.56. The actual revenue was a negative \$167,195.11. Trustee
33 Pennington stated significant activity in the month of July incurred in the transfer to the
34 Sewer Fund in the amount of \$235,000.00. That was from the Corporate Account. There
35 were additional expenses in the purchase of computer equipment. There were additional
36 expenses that were carried over from June into July in the Bond Issuance expense.
37 Trustee Pennington stated although, the Village shows a surplus in our year to date, we
38 need to be mindful of the fact we need to back out the Bond Proceeds of \$2,800,000.00.
39 That was done in the month of July. The actual deficit is \$112,521.72 year to date, due to
40 the backing out of the Bond Proceeds. Trustee Pennington stated the Village normally
41 gets the funds back when the Village starts receiving Property Tax Revenue in
42 September. The \$112,521,72 will be wiped out once the Village starts receiving the Real
43 Estate Tax Revenue beginning in September. Property Tax Revenues are slow coming in,
44 in May, June, and July. The balance of those funds will be coming in September.

1 Trustee Oliver inquired of Trustee Pennington as to the difference in the amounts in
2 regard to the Investments from April to July. President Jones explained the difference is
3 due to the Bond Proceeds. President Jones stated the money from the Bond Proceeds is
4 earning money for the Village while the Village is holding on to it.

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6 **BUILDING:**
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8 Trustee Ormsby stated the Board has before it a copy of the pending Motion for the
9 Olympia Club Condominium Project to establish a Sales Trailer, as well as the Lease
10 Agreement. Trustee Ormsby stated that she, along with Trustee Nale, Administrator
11 Mekarski, and Rob Getz representing Olympia Club, met to look over the proposal.
12 Trustee Ormsby also met with Trustee Gibson.

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14 President Jones stated we are not prepared to take action on this tonight. Administrator
15 Mekarski stated he just received comments on the draft from the attorney representing
16 Olympia Club, and there will be discussions on August 26, with their counsel. The Ad-
17 Hoc Committee informed Administrator Mekarski they would be more comfortable
18 approving the lease once they saw the Site Plan and the elevations. Those items have not
19 been received. President Jones stated the lease calls for \$500.00 a month for the short-
20 term use of the land. The lease also discusses the landscaping that is expected. President
21 Jones stated the final Landscaping Plan has to be approved by the Ad-Hoc Committee.
22 The Landscaping Plan should be attached as an exhibit to the lease. President Jones felt
23 the matter would be back before the Board for approval at the next Board Meeting.

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25 Trustee Ormsby stated that item Number 5 in the Lease, "Construction of
26 Improvements," addresses a lot of the questions the Ad-Hoc Committee had. Trustee
27 Ormsby stated the Ad-Hoc Committee was just waiting for attorney approval, and to see
28 the actual drawings.

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30 Trustee Nale inquired as to whether or not it had been decided where the electrical outlets
31 would be located, or where the electric would be coming from. Administrator Mekarski
32 stated Olympia Club stated in the lease they have the right to terminate the lease should
33 they find that the cost of bringing electricity to the site is cost prohibited. Administrator
34 Mekarski stated the Developer has to meet with ComEd to find out if they can pull the
35 electricity from a pole or from a line at the Metra Facility.

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37 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired as to whether or not the Board would have the
38 opportunity to see the Site Plans and Landscaping Plan before it votes on the matter.
39 Trustee Ormsby stated absolutely. President Jones stated the burden is on Olympia Club
40 to make sure the Board receives the requested documents a week in advance of the Board
41 Meeting. President Jones stated if the Board does not have the requested documents to
42 make a decision at the first Board Meeting in September, then a decision will not be
43 made until the Board does receive the documentation.

1 **PLANNING:**

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

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5 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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7 **Ash Trees** - Trustee Oliver stated the Village Arborist along with Joe Alexa, Director of
8 Public Works, did a survey of the Village trees, specifically, the Ash Tree. Trustee Oliver
9 stated there are approximately 213 Ash Trees in the Village right-of-ways. A
10 comprehensive report will be coming out shortly. At this point in time, none of the Ash
11 Trees have been infected.

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13 **Sunset Paving, Inc.** - Trustee Oliver stated the second item on his agenda is a
14 recommendation for partial payment to Sunset Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$53,115.43.
15 Trustee Oliver stated this is for work that has already been completed.

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17 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve partial**
18 **payment to Sunset Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$53,115.43, for work performed in**
19 **conjunction with the 2008 MFT Maintenance Program.**

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

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22 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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24 **Purchase of Cameras and Defibrillators** - Trustee Nale stated she has three items on
25 her agenda. Trustee Nale stated in the Board Packet is information concerning a proposed
26 recommendation to authorize the Village Administration to purchase and install two
27 cameras and ancillary equipment for the police booking area, and for the purchase of
28 three Defibrillators, for a total cost of \$7,000.00. The money is to come from the Asset
29 Forfeiture Fund.

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31 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Oliver to authorize the Village**
32 **Administration to purchase and install two cameras and ancillary equipment for the**
33 **police booking area, and to purchase three Defibrillators, for a total cost of**
34 **\$7,000.00.**

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36 President Jones was under the impression that this matter was to be considered for next
37 year's budget. He doesn't know why it is coming out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

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39 Administrator Mekarski stated the Safety Committee has been looking at improvements,
40 and it was stressed that these are life and death issues with regard to the safety of the
41 officers in the holding area, and the possibility of someone having a heart attack, whether
42 it is one of the citizens or an employee. For that reason, the Safety Committee thought it
43 should be brought up now. Trustee Nale stated the Committee did not discuss where the
44 money would come from. Administrator Mekarski stated this was not budgeted for, and
45 the Asset Forfeiture Fund was the only source that would be acceptable.

1 President Jones stated the request does address an important safety factor. He stated the
2 police department would have to advise the Village as to whether or not the money could
3 come out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund. He reminded the Board that the Asset Forfeiture
4 Fund is not a piggy bank. He also reminded the Board that the Asset Forfeiture Fund is
5 committed to paying down the debt on the Bond Issue. The fund is also to cover the
6 personnel expense incurred by the police department for an additional officer. President
7 Jones would like the Public Safety Committee, along with Trustee Meyers-Martin, Chief
8 Chudwin, and the Deputy Chief, to discuss this matter as to whether or not the money
9 could come out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund. President Jones would also like Trustee
10 Pennington, along with the Finance Committee, to discuss this matter. He would like this
11 matter back before the Board at the next meeting.

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13 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to table this matter.**

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

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16 **Illiana Financial Credit Union** - Trustee Nale stated the second item on her agenda is a
17 proposed Motion to approve the engagement of Illiana Financial Credit Union to service
18 the Village's employee complement, and further authorize distribution of payroll
19 deduction forms to solicit employee interest for this benefit program. Trustee Nale stated
20 the Human Resource Committee investigated two other sources for a Credit Union, but
21 they selected Illiana Financial Credit Union. Trustee Nale stated Denise Prince is here
22 this evening from Illiana Financial Credit Union to answer any questions the Board may
23 have.

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25 President Jones stated he applauds the Human Resource Committee and Trustee Nale for
26 the improvements to the quality of life for the employees that they have brought. He feels
27 it speaks volumes and he is impressed. He is impressed how Trustee Nale and the Human
28 Resource Committee keep bringing new ideas to the Board. President Jones stated it is
29 really good for us.

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31 Denise Prince from Illiana Financial Credit Union gave a brief PowerPoint presentation
32 to the Board. She thanked Trustee Nale for inviting her this evening. Ms. Prince gave the
33 Board a handout with information pertaining to the Credit Union. Illiana Financial Credit
34 Union was organized in 1936. It was formed by Illinois Bell Telephone Company
35 through their employees. Illiana Financial Credit Union does not have owners. It is
36 member owned and controlled with a volunteer Board of Directors. They have over 200
37 businesses with companies comprised of five to 1,000 employees. They are not-for-profit.
38 Their philosophy is "People Helping People." They are insured. They provide direct
39 deposit and payroll deduction. They have lower rates on loans and Visa. They provide
40 services on-line. They have four locations. Chicago Heights, Calumet City, Bradley and
41 Naperville. They also have shared branching. They offer financial education on a variety
42 of topics. Their services are free to the Village. They are open to the community as well.

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44 Trustee Nale stated over half of the employees are interested in having a Credit Union.
45 Trustee Nale stated Ms. Prince would be available to come in to answer any questions of
46 the employees during a couple lunch hours. Ms. Prince stated the employees could sign

1 up via mail. The forms can be left at Village Hall and the employees can just fill out the
2 information and mail them in.

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4 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve the**
5 **engagement of Illiana Financial Credit Union to service the Village's employee**
6 **complement and further authorize distribution of payroll deduction forms to solicit**
7 **employee interest for this benefit program.**

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

9
10 Trustee Gibson inquired as to whether or not there was a minimum number of people that
11 was required for the Credit Union. Ms. Prince stated there is no requirement.

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13 President Jones thanked Ms. Prince for coming out this evening.

14
15 **Goals for the Department of Public Works** - Trustee Nale stated the last item on her
16 agenda is the Goals for the Department of Public Works.

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18 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Goals for the**
19 **Department of Public Works as prepared by the Village's Human Resource**
20 **Committee.**

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22 President Jones stated himself, Joe Alexa, and Administrator Mekarski reviewed the
23 Goals. They were in agreement that this was a good description of the functions of the
24 Public Works Department. The purpose of doing this is to have something readily
25 available to the public, if they want a description of what a department does or what its
26 function is.

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28 Trustee Nale stated the Human Resource Committee would like the Goals of each
29 department in the Residential Handbook. President Jones stated the goal is to have all the
30 Goals of the departments completed by spring so that a new handbook can be printed. He
31 thought it was time to update the handbook. Trustee Nale stated that Joe Martin thinks it
32 is a great idea to have the Goals in the Residential Handbook.

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

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35 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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37 **Ordinance #2008-09** - Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the first item on her report is for
38 authorization to approve on Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2008-09, which is an
39 Ordinance amending Chapter 15, "Nuisances" by adding Article III, "Noise Abatement."

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41 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to approve on Second**
42 **Reading proposed Ordinance #2008-09.**

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

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45 **Motorola Portable Radios** - Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the second item on her report
46 is the request for authorization for the police to purchase 16 new Motorola Portable

1 Radios at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.00. In the Board Packet is a memo explaining why
2 the radios are necessary. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated three of the radios the police rely
3 on are inoperable, and parts to the radios are becoming no longer available in order to
4 repair the existing radios. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated there would be changes in the
5 SouthCom system that will make the current radios incompatible.

6
7 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the expenditure of**
8 **\$17,000.00 for the purchase of Motorola Portable Radios from the Asset Forfeiture**
9 **Fund.**

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11 Trustee Pennington stated the number of radios has increased. Trustee Meyers-Martin
12 stated originally they had asked for 15 radios and then they had asked for the additional
13 radio. Trustee Pennington stated this is what I don't like. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated
14 the cost would be \$1,000.00 per radio, and the \$17,000.00 amount came in to allow for
15 the fees incurred with setting them up.

16
17 President Jones was under the impression this had been run through the Finance
18 Committee. He suggested the matter be tabled. Trustee Pennington stated he would prefer
19 the matter be tabled. President Jones stated the cameras, Defibrillators, and radios could
20 all be discussed by the Finance Committee at its next meeting.

21
22 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to table this matter.**

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

24
25 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the recommendation was approved at the Public Safety
26 Committee meeting last week to ask for this recommendation for the radios. Trustee
27 Meyers-Martin stated the Public Safety Committee has decided to schedule quarterly
28 meetings, rather than meet on an as needed basis as they had been doing, due to the fact
29 there are so many things going on in the police department.

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31 **RedFlex** - Trustee Meyers-Martin stated they believe RedFlex will be coming on-line the
32 end of September. The first location will be at Route 30 and Governors Highway. There
33 will be three stages to the process. The first stage is the notification period. The second
34 stage is the warning period where drivers will receive warnings as opposed to a ticket.
35 The third stage will be the issuance of tickets. Trustee Gibson inquired as to how long
36 each stage would take place. Trustee Meyers-Martin was not certain, but she thought
37 each stage would be about three weeks.

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39 Administrator Mekarski stated the police department put out a Press Release announcing
40 the warning period would begin the end of August and would culminate sometime in mid
41 September.

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43 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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45 **Resolution #2008-11** - Administrator Mekarski stated the first item on his agenda is a
46 Resolution request. This is a request made by Mayor Welch of Country Club Hills.

1 Country Club Hills is applying for the 10th Casino License, and as part of that application
2 they need to demonstrate community support. A copy of the Resolution is provided in the
3 Board Packet. Administrator Mekarski stated this is much more than a casino. It is an
4 entertainment complex with a proposed high rise hotel, water park, and a shopping center
5 consisting of 144 retail establishments. This would generate a significant amount of
6 revenue for the entire region. As part of the revenue sharing plan that Country Club Hills
7 is proposing, there will be a distribution of the gaming funds with the Municipalities
8 supporting the plan. There are about 20 Municipalities. Although, nothing is finalized,
9 Mayor Welch anticipates an annual share of approximately One Million Dollars would go
10 to each of the Municipalities.

11
12 President Jones stated as a historical background, prior Boards of the Village have
13 approved similar Resolutions and Agreements. He understands some Trustees may have
14 personal concerns about the issue of gambling. However, in making your decision,
15 President Jones would ask that the Board consider the long-term interest of the south
16 suburbs, and the long-term interest of the Village of Olympia Fields and its need for
17 revenues to support the things it must do now and in the future.

18
19 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve proposed**
20 **Resolution No. 2008-11 A Resolution Supporting Granting the 10th Casino License**
21 **at the Country Club Hills I-80/I-57 Development Site.**

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23 Trustee Pennington inquired as to how the numbers were derived with respect to the
24 Revenue Sharing outlined in the PowerPoint materials. Administrator Mekarski stated
25 they used the Agreement that was done two or three years ago with the previous
26 competition where they designed a proportionate share based on the economic need of
27 the Villages. Administrator Mekarski stated Mayor Welch indicated that he wanted the
28 funds shared equally across the board. President Jones stated the Board needs to take the
29 Resolution at its expressed value.

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31 Trustee Gibson inquired if it was pending on the number of residents in the community.
32 President Jones stated what the ultimate formula would be, would be subject to
33 negotiation. He stated Mayor Welch believes every Municipality has an equal right to a
34 share.

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36 President Jones stated that Mayor Welch has gone down to Springfield over 40 times in
37 the last couple of years lobbying for this. He has the land. He has a first class location. He
38 has the backing of a world-class casino. President Jones thinks the Board should join with
39 them. President Jones stated there is no down side for Olympia Fields. If the Village ever
40 sees a nickel of the money it is all found money.

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42 Trustee Pennington inquired as to whether or not any other Municipalities would be
43 bidding on this. President Jones stated Rosemont would probably try again and
44 Waukegan. There aren't any south suburban communities that would bid on it.

1 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether or not a Gaming Board makes the decision.
2 President Jones stated the Gaming Board awards that license.

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4 Trustee Oliver inquired as to why Matteson was not part of the Revenue Sharing.
5 President Jones stated they may not have been at the meeting, but he is sure down the
6 road Matteson will get on board.

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8 President Jones stated this would add thousands of more jobs on that corridor not only
9 with the casino, hotels, and restaurants, but also with the other businesses that will grow
10 in that development. Administrator Mekarski stated it is one of the busiest corridors in
11 the United States. He stated the AMC Theatre that is there, is the busiest theatre in
12 attendance across the United States.

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14 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated maybe this would push forward the proposal to have the I-
15 57 interchange. President Jones stated it would.

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

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18 President Jones thanked the Board for their vote. He feels it is the right move as a
19 community to support this effort.

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21 **International Cycling Classic** - Administrator Mekarski stated the next item on the
22 agenda is a report regarding the International Cycling Classic. He included in the Board
23 Packet material from the representatives of the International Cycling Classic before the
24 2009 event. The first item provided is a Local Organization Committee Contract. The
25 typical fee for a member community is \$20,000.00. The fee is being discussed by the
26 other communities, which have essentially agreed to look into sponsoring this in 2009.
27 The second item provided is the Local Coordinators Guidebook. This outlines the steps
28 that a committee, organization, or local government has to do in order to get ready for the
29 event.

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31 Administrator Mekarski stated there is a meeting on August 26, with the other
32 communities to discuss the possibility of the Visitors and Convention Bureau subsidizing
33 the overall fee assessment in the amount of \$100,000.00 or \$120,000.00, or attempt as a
34 single group to look into a corporate sponsor. He stated the event at Olympia Club was a
35 tremendous success. There was not enough time to get the community involved and get a
36 lot of advertising out. Administrator Mekarski stated Todd Beele from the Homewood
37 Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in getting all the member communities
38 together. Mr. Beele is present this evening. The event would provide an opportunity for
39 local clubs or organizations such as M/OF Baseball to run the concessions and take the
40 proceeds from the concessions.

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42 Administrator Mekarski stated he brought this up to find out if the Board wants to
43 explore the possibility of having the race, and whether or not the Board wants
44 Administrator Mekarski to attend the meeting tomorrow. They are looking at a new site,
45 which would have the staging area at Bicentennial Park and have the race occur in

1 Arcadia in the original Village. This would have more of a residential impact and would
2 require having the Homeowners Associations involved in the beginning.

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4 President Jones stated he read the Coordinators Guidebook and he is not happy. He said
5 the Village gets to pay \$20,000.00 and work its tail off. He is totally turned off with the
6 project. He does think we should explore the matter and find out exactly what the Village
7 would have to do. He thinks Administrator Mekarski should go to the meeting tomorrow
8 and hash out what the requirements really mean in reality, and report back to the Board.

9 President Jones is not convinced that this is an entertainment product that brings value.

10 President Jones stated this puts a burden on the local community. President Jones
11 inquired as to where the television contracts are, and the big sponsorship revenue. He
12 inquired as to why the event isn't televised if it is so popular with people.

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14 Trustee Pennington stated in his opinion, the 27 LOC items listed are totally
15 unacceptable. He thinks the Board is wasting its time on this project.

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17 Trustee Pennington stated it would have been nice to have the race organizers come
18 before the Board to give an overview of what transpired in Olympia Club, to sell the
19 Board on having the event in the Village. Administrator Mekarski stated the race
20 organizers would be willing to come out to speak to the Board. President Jones invited
21 the Trustees to attend the meeting with Administrator Mekarski tomorrow.

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23 Trustee Gibson inquired as to who paid the \$20,000.00 for Olympia Club. Mr. Beele
24 stated nobody did. He stated Richton Park did not pay anything as well.

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26 Mr. Beele stated they are trying to pull together a coalition of the Municipalities to offer
27 the space for the race. He stated their entertainment value is negotiable. He stated there is
28 little or no financial commitment from the Municipalities.

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30 President Jones stated we need a turnkey operation with four or five communities from
31 the south suburbs involved in this going from town to town. At that point, it may have
32 some possibilities.

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34 **Comprehensive Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Status Report –**

35 Administrator Mekarski stated the next item on the agenda is a report from Robinson
36 Engineering. This is Project Status Update Number 3. The House Inspection Process is
37 96% complete. 1,313 homes were inspected. There were 254 violations. There are 54
38 home remaining to be inspected.

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40 Administrator Mekarski stated we are at the point where we have to make a decision
41 about the enforcement and inspection process. Robinson Engineers has drafted a
42 compliance letter. This letter will go out to the 254 violators. The letter has been
43 forwarded to Judy Kolman for review. Administrator Mekarski stated Judy Kolman is
44 working on strengthening the Sewer Ordinance and making sure the proper enforcement
45 mechanisms are in place. That will be coming before the Board for discussion in
46 September.

1 President Jones stated this would come back to the Board for discussion on enforcement,
2 and what the communication will look like, and the tools that will be in place to enforce
3 when the Village doesn't have compliance.

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5 President Jones stated we are 89% complete with televising the sewers. We have to find
6 out how many linear feet of sewer lines have to be relined. That is the next big expense
7 for the next fiscal year.

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9 Administrator Mekarski stated during the rain period two or three weeks ago, the
10 Graymoor pump was pumping four times its regular daily sewage loads. In other words,
11 one-fourth of that was sewage, and three-fourths was related to fresh rainwater getting
12 into the system from leaks in the line, and/or the laterals, or the improper connections.

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14 President Jones stated there is one more house to inspect in Graymoor. Of the 142 houses
15 that would be inspected in Graymoor, there are 30 violations as far as illegal connections.
16 Trustee Pennington stated there are 150 homes in Graymoor. President Jones inquired as
17 to why the Village is only inspecting 142 homes. Administrator Mekarski stated he would
18 check into that.

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20 **Oak Lawn Project Status Meeting** – Administrator Mekarski stated Olympia Fields and
21 eight other communities extract water from Oak Lawn for fees. The water is transmitted
22 from the City of Chicago. Oak Lawn is under a new system of management. They hired
23 Camp Dresser and McKee (CDM) to assess the system. They assessed the capital needs
24 of the system to make sure it is dependable and reliable. They have found deficiencies
25 with the electrical system and the looping demands for the system itself. They will be
26 assessing the deficiencies and assigning capital improvement costs. There will be
27 additional costs imposed to all the communities. Administrator Mekarski stated at least
28 the system is getting the professional assessment, which has been ignored, in the previous
29 administration.

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31 President Jones stated we are monitoring this. We will find out what the projected costs
32 are and how they are going to allocate it.

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34 **Governors State University** – Administrator Mekarski stated Ron Bean, Vice President
35 of School District 162, approached him. Mr. Bean also serves as a member of the GSU
36 Promise Endowment Fund. He is asking this Board for a contribution. He is asking all the
37 communities in the region to participate in this. There is a Brochure in the Board Packet.
38 It provides a scholarship basis for a select number of students to ensure they have the
39 ability to complete their advance education with financial aid coming from GSU.
40 Administrator Mekarski stated this is not consistent with our practice of giving to not-for-
41 profits. He stated since it is consistent with our focus on education, and enhancing and
42 improving education, that is why it is before you.

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44 Trustee Pennington inquired as to what Mr. Bean's recommendation is in terms of
45 contribution. Administrator Mekarski stated Mr. Bean did not state a specific
46 contribution. Mr. Bean stated some communities are contributing \$2,500.00, and some

1 \$1,000.00. Trustee Pennington inquired as to whether or not we know the size of
2 Governors State endowment, or if they have an endowment. Administrator Mekarski
3 stated he did not know. However, Mr. Bean would be willing to come to address the
4 Board at the next meeting if the Board would like to table this. Trustee Pennington
5 thought it would be appropriate. Trustee Ormsby stated she would like to hear what Mr.
6 Bean has to say because this is a college in our area. Administrator Mekarski stated he
7 would have Mr. Bean address the Board at the next meeting.

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9 **Diversity Dinner** – Administrator Mekarski stated we have 10 people committed for the
10 table. If you and your spouse would like to attend, let Administrator Mekarski know.
11 President Jones stated he would wait to see what the final count is and pick it up in
12 September.

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14 **Gateway Development** – Administrator Mekarski stated an item came up today and he is
15 asking for direction from the Board. This is relative to the Gateway Development. This is
16 the Venterra portion of the land next to the CVS. They are in final negotiations to close
17 their Permit with the Army Corps of Engineers. There is four acres of wooded land that
18 they would like to convey in perpetuity for conservancy. They approached the Recreation
19 District and they have declined the acquisition of the property even though it is adjacent
20 to the other property owned by the Park District. They went to Irons Oaks to try to
21 convey the property to Irons Oaks, but they declined the property. The Developer
22 contacted Administrator Mekarski to find out whether or not the Village would like to
23 take this acquisition, and/or if the Village had any other creative ways or ideas to try to
24 maintain this in perpetuity and conservancy, and also complement the requirements of the
25 Army Corps of Engineers.

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27 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether there are groups like Coreland. Administrator
28 Mekarski stated they spoke with Coreland and the Nature Conservancy. They assist only
29 for an interim period in holding the land, but they don't hold the land for a long period of
30 time. Administrator Mekarski stated Coreland indicated to Mike Rourke they would be
31 happy to be a holding party for a number of months, but they would not be interested in a
32 long-term acquisition.

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34 Trustee Ormsby is confused as to why people aren't interested in long-term.
35 Administrator Mekarski stated he spoke with Denise Will from the Park District and the
36 Park District Board was concerned with liability and stewardship. The lands they
37 currently have are heavily invested with poison ivy and because of that they can't use it as
38 a nature trail or for access to the public. They consider it more a liability than an asset.

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40 Trustee Ormsby stated if we do this, there is no cost to the Village. Administrator
41 Mekarski stated the only cost he would see is the liability. Trustee Ormsby inquired as to
42 who is maintaining the property right now. Administrator Mekarski stated the property
43 isn't being maintained.

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45 President Jones stated I don't think we want people walking through there. We want to
46 maintain it as a wooded area for nature, for the animals, not for humans. President Jones

1 stated we should talk to John Murphey to find out if there is a liability issue. President
2 Jones stated we should discuss it with IRMA. Trustee Ormsby inquired in regard to
3 liability, in case someone falls on the property. President Jones stated yes. Administrator
4 Mekarski stated if we can guarantee it is protected from conservancy, then we have the
5 comfort of knowing it is in our control and maintained for the quality of wildlife.

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7 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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9 President Jones stated he has no report.

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11 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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13 With regard to the CVS Site, Trustee Oliver inquired if a decision had been made by the
14 Village of Matteson, as to whether or not they are going to allow the Village of Olympia
15 Fields to temporarily connect to the sewer in the Village of Matteson. Administrator
16 Mekarski stated the item would be taken up at their first meeting in September. It was
17 scheduled for the 18th but all business items were suspended because of the death of
18 Mayor Stricker. Tonight's meeting is only to decide the selection of Mayor. The first
19 meeting in September they will take action. Administrator Mekarski stated all indications
20 are relatively positive they will act upon it unilaterally.

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22 President Jones stated he just received a text message that the Harold Motors site closed
23 today so that has been sold. The Village can now move forward with the planning and
24 redevelopment efforts at that location.

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26 Administrator Mekarski stated there are three Trustees serving on the Steering
27 Committee. A landowner meeting will be held after Labor Day. Trustees Gibson,
28 Ormsby, and Oliver will receive notification when that meeting will be held.

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30 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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32 There was no new business.

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34 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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36 President Jones stated he has no resignations and appointments.

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38 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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40 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to enter into
41 Executive Session at 9:15 P.M.**

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

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44 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Gibson to return to Open Session at
45 9:29 P.M.**

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

1 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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3 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to adjourn at**
4 **9:29 P.M.**

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

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7 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**