

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on October 13, 2008**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 13, 2008, at
6 the Olympia Fields Village Hall and was called to order by President Jones at 7:30 P.M.
7 The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll.

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9 Present: Trustees – Gibson, 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: Trustee Ormsby and Trustee Oliver
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16 President Jones stated Trustee Ormsby was incapacitated at the moment and Trustee
17 Oliver was out of town.
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19 **MINUTES:**
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21 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Minutes of**
22 **September 22, 2008, as presented.**

23 **Voice Vote: Ayes (3) Trustee Meyers-Martin passed. Motion Carried.**
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25 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**
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27 There was a brief discussion as to whether the total amount of the Bills for Approval was
28 \$209,907.55 or \$206,907.55. Trustee Gibson determined there was a typographical error
29 on the Cover Memo for the Bills for Approval. She stated the bills total \$206,907.55. The
30 amount listed on the Agenda was correct. President Jones stated the total amount of the
31 Bills for Approval is \$206,907.55. Out of that amount, \$120,000.00 goes to Robinson
32 Engineering for the ongoing Sewer Rehabilitation Project.
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34 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve the**
35 **payment of bills for October 13, 2008, in the total amount of \$206,907.55.**

36 **Roll Call: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**
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38 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**
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40 President Jones opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:33 P.M. Members of the
41 public were present in the audience. However, no one wished to address the Board.
42 President Jones closed Communications and Petitions at 7:34 P.M.
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1 **FINANCE:**

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3 **August 2008 Financial Statements** - Trustee Pennington stated he would be reporting
4 on the Financial Statements for the month of August 2008. He stated we are four months
5 into the 2008/2009 Budget. Trustee Pennington stated in the Village's Corporate Account
6 the realized income for August was \$310,636.60, against a budgeted sum of \$259,872.71.
7 The expenses for this period on balance were consistent with prior months
8 . The Village did budget for a deficit, due principally to the transfer of funds from the
9 General Account to the Sewer Fund Account. There was a transfer from the General
10 Account to the Sewer Fund Account in the amount of \$135,000.00. The budgeted
11 expense was \$490,042.27, against an actual incurred expense of \$314,415.47. This
12 resulted in a total fund deficit budgeted, of \$230,149.56. The total fund balance actual
13 was a deficit in the amount of \$3,778.87. Notwithstanding the Village's deficit position
14 for August, the Village's fiscal year to date actual, plus encumbrance is a surplus in the
15 amount of \$2,131,752.33. Trustee Pennington stated there is a caveat. The caveat is, the
16 lion share of the Village's surplus funds have been earmarked for expenditure in the
17 Village's Storm Water Management and Sewer Projects. If the Village subtracted those
18 amounts, there would be a difference in the Village's year to date actual, plus
19 encumbrance. The Village is positioned to get through the projects as they are planned.
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21 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated with regard to the Water Fund, the Village
22 budgeted the sum of \$87,233.34 in revenues, and realized \$63,480.57 in actual revenue.
23 With regard to expenses in the Water Fund, the sum of \$75,926.29 was budgeted, and
24 realized the sum of \$77,632.47 in actual expenses. This resulted in a deficit in the amount
25 of \$14,151.90 actual, versus \$11,305.05 budgeted.
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27 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated the fiscal year to date, plus encumbrance for the
28 Sewer Fund was a surplus in the amount of \$55,547.21. There is a surplus balance in the
29 Sewer Fund. The total fund surplus actual was \$7,500.74, against a budgeted sum of
30 \$8,014.72. The fiscal year to date actual, plus encumbrance in the Sewer Fund is
31 \$353,699.56.
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33 **Real Estate Taxes** - President Jones stated the Village has received approximately
34 \$23,000.00 in Real Estate Taxes. The Village has not received any of the Real Estate
35 Taxes from the pending levy. The Village does not expect to receive any funds from the
36 pending levy until December or January in this fiscal year.
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38 **Village's Investment Portfolio** – Trustee Pennington stated the next thing he wanted to
39 discuss this evening is something that is very important to this Administration, to this
40 Board, and to the residents of the Village, and to each person individually, and that is
41 what has occurred in the last two weeks with the economy. Trustee Pennington stated he
42 met with the Director of Finance, Cindy Saenz, and the Village Treasurer, Carl Forn, to
43 discuss the Village's Investment Portfolio in light of the economic crisis. He stated safety
44 and liquidity of the Village's investments is the primary objective of the Village
45 President, the Village's Administration, and the Village Board. The Village is governed
46 by, and must adhere to established Illinois Statutes regarding the Village's Investment

1 Portfolio. The Village is precluded from investing funds in high risk, finite initiatives,
2 and investment vehicles.

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4 Trustee Pennington went on to say that the Village's Investment Portfolio consists of
5 Certificates of Deposit, Money Market Accounts, and Treasury Bonds. Pursuant to the
6 Village's Investment Policy, all invested funds are deposited in FDIC Member Banks.
7 Pursuant to the Village's investment policy, the respective banks must collateralize all
8 banked funds. The FDIC up to the \$250,000.00 limit insures the funds. The banks
9 holding the funds back all funds in excess of the FDIC limit. An independent CPA Firm
10 retained by the Village to perform the yearly audit, audits the investments each year. It is
11 the task of the Village President, the Director of Finance, the Administration, the Village
12 Treasurer, and the Board of Trustees to ensure that the procedures regarding the operation
13 of investments are consistent with the Village's Investment Policy. Trustee Pennington
14 stated the Village's funds are safe. The Village is conservative in its investment approach.
15 Safety, liquidity, and income, are the key factors in the Village's investment approach.
16 The interest rates the Village receives in its investment portfolio are locked in. He stated
17 the Village would not have received the Triple A Bond Rating if the Village's
18 investments were not properly positioned.

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20 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated she was glad that Trustee Pennington brought up the
21 Village's investments. She inquired as to whether or not the Village could still look at
22 other banks if they are giving higher interest rates. Trustee Pennington stated the Village
23 is not receiving anything less than 2.5% in interest rates. On one investment the Village
24 receives 5% in interest. As the investments mature, the Director of Finance checks on the
25 current interest rates, and she can pursue a higher interest rate at another bank if it is
26 available.

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28 **2007 Tax Levy Calculation Review** – Trustee Pennington stated at the Board Meeting
29 held on September 22, 2008, a question came up regarding the 2007 Tax Levy. Trustee
30 Pennington met with the Director of Finance, and Administration, who put together a
31 Memorandum on the tax rate and how that tax rate was devised. Trustee Pennington
32 stated the rates that were sought in the Referendum is what is being assessed on each of
33 the property tax bills. In addition, there was the 2001 Road Bond Issue that was added to
34 that. When you add those two together that is how you arrive at the 1.075%. The
35 Village's numbers are consistent with what was expressed in the meetings with the
36 Homeowners Associations when discussing the Referendum.

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38 President Jones stated copies of the Memorandum with attached documents are available
39 on the table for members of the audience to review. The Memorandum lays out how the
40 Village got from the Referendum to where the Village is today with the tax rate.

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42 **BUILDING:**

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44 President Jones stated the Board would pass on a report regarding Building in the absence
45 of Trustee Ormsby.

1 **PLANNING:**

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3 **Public Hearing -Variance Request** - Trustee Gibson stated Mr. and Mrs. Moss are
4 present this evening to request a variance. Trustee Gibson stated that Mr. Moss was
5 before the Board at a previous meeting, requesting a variance to allow his home to
6 encroach into an easement. That request was granted. Trustee Gibson stated Mr. Moss is
7 before the Board tonight requesting three variances. The first variance request is to build
8 a masonry mailbox along the roadway. Trustee Gibson stated he has already built the
9 masonry mailbox along the roadway. He built it without a variance or permit.

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11 Trustee Gibson stated Section 18-24 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances requires that
12 any mailboxes placed in the right-of-way be built of materials so that if struck by a motor
13 vehicle, it will bend or fall away from the striking vehicle. Trustee Gibson stated the
14 Building Commissioner is recommending that this be approved, as long as Mr. Moss
15 signs an Agreement that the Village is not responsible if the Village has to remove the
16 structure for maintenance of utilities, roadways, etcetera. Trustee Gibson believes this is
17 the same type of Agreement that other residents who built a concrete or brick mailbox
18 without a variance or permit have had to sign.

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20 President Jones opened the Public Hearing at 7:49 P.M. The individuals present for the
21 Hearing are: The Petitioners, Mrs. Laura Moss and her husband Tremayne Moss. Other
22 individuals present are: Mr. Percy Moss and his wife.

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24 Trustee Gibson stated the second variance request is to erect a 12.5' x 16' tool shed in the
25 required side yard. Section 22-342 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances requires that all
26 accessory buildings be located in the rear yard behind the principal structure. Trustee
27 Gibson stated the neighbor next door, at some point in time, was permitted to build an
28 accessory structure in the side yard. Mr. Moss has pictures to show the Board.

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30 Trustee Gibson stated the third variance request is to allow Mr. Moss to place fill in the
31 drainage easement that the structure is encroaching into. Mr. Moss is proposing to place
32 the fill four feet wide into the easement, and then place a sloping wall further into the
33 easement to retain the fill. Mr. Moss has pictures to show the Board. Trustee Gibson
34 stated the Building Commissioner informed Mr. Moss that certain things that he had were
35 not allowed. Mr. Moss has changed to some extent, what he is doing with the patio in the
36 back of his home.

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38 **Variance Request #1 Mailbox** - Mr. Percy Moss stated at 802 Exmoor Road there is a
39 brick mailbox. Mr. Percy Moss stated they went ahead and built one at the property not
40 knowing that they needed a permit or that the Ordinance did not allow that. His son,
41 Tremayne Moss has pictures showing other mailboxes constructed of brick or concrete in
42 the Village. President Jones stated the recommendation that was made by the Building
43 Department in connection with this matter, is if the Board grants the variance, the
44 property owner would have to sign an Agreement stating the Village is not responsible
45 for maintaining or paying for the replacement of the structure if the Village has to remove
46 the structure for the maintenance of utilities, and the roadway. President Jones inquired of

1 Mr. Moss whether or not that would be acceptable to the Petitioner. Mr. Moss stated it
2 would be. President Jones inquired as to whether or not the members of the public had
3 any questions or comments on this matter. Members of the public were present, but did
4 not wish to speak to this particular matter.

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6 **Variance Request #2 Tool Shed** – Mr. Moss stated they would like to build the tool
7 shed on the southwest corner, which would be directly in front of the driveway. There is
8 another home in their area that did the same thing. This would allow them to see
9 Crawford from their patio. President Jones inquired as to whether or not the members of
10 the public had any questions or comments on this matter. Members of the public were
11 present, but did not wish to speak to this particular matter.

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13 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Moss as to whether or not the tool shed would
14 match the home. Mr. Moss stated it would. Mr. Moss stated that on the southeast side,
15 Mr. Johnson has his tool shed directly to the side of his house. Trustee Gibson believes
16 those tool sheds were built when the Village had an Ordinance that is different from what
17 it has now.

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19 President Jones inquired as to whether or not the Board felt they had enough information
20 to make a decision on this matter, or whether or not the Board wanted additional pictures,
21 or whether or not the Board wanted to go see the site where the tool shed would be
22 located on the property, and the materials to be used. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated she
23 didn't know if they had any plans for the tool shed. Mrs. Laura Moss stated the plans for
24 the tool shed had been submitted to the Building Commissioner. Mr. Percy Moss stated
25 the tool shed would be 12' x 16'. It is a gable. It is a pitch with a "V." They have a copy of
26 the plans from Menards of the tool shed they want to build. It will match the house. The
27 house has 4' x 8' wood siding at the top and the tool shed will be made out of the same
28 kind of material. It will be cedar so it will match the house. Mr. Moss stated that Mr.
29 Peterson, the Building Commissioner, had required them to obtain a Plat of Survey to
30 show the location of where the tool shed would be built. They have that showing where it
31 would be if it were built directly behind the house. If the Board wants them to get a Plat
32 of Survey showing where it will be behind the driveway, they will do that.

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34 President Jones stated the Board would hold off on asking for that at this time. President
35 Jones does not believe there is an objection to the tool shed, but the Board wants to make
36 sure it fits aesthetically.

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38 **Variance Request #3 -Fill in the Drainage Easement** - Trustee Gibson stated that Mr.
39 Moss is requesting that he be allowed to place fill in the drainage easement that the
40 structure is encroaching into. He wants to place the fill four feet wide into the easement,
41 and then place a sloping wall further into the easement to retain the fill. Trustee Gibson
42 stated the Building Commissioner recommends that the Board not allow any fill to be
43 placed in a drainage easement. The recommendation is based on the existing drainage
44 issues that the Village is working on to correct. The placement of fill will not help in
45 rectifying these issues.

1 Mr. Moss stated he tried to draw what it would look like if the variance were granted. He
2 stated there are pictures to show what it looks like now. It would have a four feet level
3 and a five foot nine inch drip. There is a clear passage for drainage. Mr. Tremayne Moss
4 stated they want to put dirt where the tar is on the foundation and kind of slope it down.
5 They want to put dirt where the foundation is so the foundation is not showing. They
6 won't be filling up the easement. The drainage is on the other side where the retaining
7 wall is. President Jones stated he thought the Board would have to go out there and see
8 this, and at the same time they could see where the tool shed will be built. The Board
9 would then be able to make an informed decision. Mr. Percy Moss stated they would
10 appreciate the Board coming out to see what they want to do. President Jones inquired as
11 to whether or not the members of the public had any questions or comments on this
12 matter. Members of the public were present, but did not wish to speak on this matter.
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14 Mrs. Laura Moss stated when they received all that rain there was no flooding in the area.
15 She stated Mr. Peterson wanted the pitch to be with a higher angle with a greater slope.
16 Right now the pitch is horizontal and then down. Mr. Peterson wants it all to be a slope
17 going straight down. He is not comfortable with the way it is sloped now. President Jones
18 inquired as to whether or not that is something they were willing to do. Mrs. Laura Moss
19 stated if we are not granted the variance, yes. Mr. Percy Moss stated that Mr. Peterson
20 was under the assumption that the swale was going to stay at the level that it originally
21 was, which is five feet lower. With the house being in the easement, that means water
22 will be coming down and hitting the side of the building as it flows out. That will create
23 damage to the concrete wall over time. By placing the four-foot slope that prevents the
24 water from rushing down and hitting the building. And it gives the water a clear path to
25 drain from Exmoor to Crawford with no impediment. And it gives the homeowners the
26 opportunity to keep this levy cut.
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28 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated she understands that Mr. Moss feels his projects will be an
29 improvement to the property. She stated the Village has Ordinances and they were put in
30 place for specific reasons, whether it was for safety issues or aesthetics, in dealing with
31 certain issues the Village has. She does not feel the Board is trying to be harsh. She stated
32 the Board wants to respect the Ordinances that were put in place for a reason. Mr. Moss
33 stated the Moss Family would not attempt to usurp anybody's authority. They just want to
34 build a home that is admirable to the community. Mr. Percy Moss stated the patio is part
35 of the house. President Jones stated the Board does not have anything in front of it
36 regarding the patio. That is not part of this Petition.
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38 President Jones inquired as to whether or not the Board was ready to take action
39 regarding any of the variances, or did they wish to wait until they could view the site.
40 Trustee Pennington stated they could take action on the mailbox issue, and then table the
41 other two requests. President Jones closed the Public Hearing with respect to the first
42 variance request regarding the mailbox at 8:11 P.M. President Jones entered and
43 continued the variance requests with respect to items 2 and 3.
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1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to table items 2 and 3 for**
2 **further consideration at the next Board Meeting.**

3 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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5 President Jones stated as to the first matter regarding the mailbox, the Board has before it
6 a Petition to allow the currently constructed mailbox to stay in place, subject to the
7 restrictions that were set forth by the Building Commissioner, that the Petitioners would
8 sign an Agreement that the Village is not responsible if the Village has to remove the
9 structure for maintenance of utilities, roadways, and similar items.

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11 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to approve the mailbox**
12 **with the conditions.**

13 **Roll Call: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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15 President Jones suggested that Mr. Moss discuss the patio issue with Mr. Peterson so
16 when the Board Members go out to the site, they can view that issue as well. Mr. Moss
17 stated he didn't think Mr. Peterson would allow them to continue unless the variance on
18 the drainage is granted. The patio isn't built yet. President Jones stated that is on hold
19 until we address the drainage issue. Mr. Moss stated it is. President Jones stated the
20 Trustees should arrange time to go view the site. He suggested the Trustees take Mr.
21 Peterson along. Trustee Gibson stated she was going to see when Mr. Peterson was
22 available. She was going to see if Trustee Ormsby would be available. Trustee
23 Pennington stated he was free on Thursday and Friday. Trustee Gibson stated perhaps he
24 could go along with them, and any of the other Trustees could come along then as well.

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26 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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28 **Special Presentation – Robinson Engineering – Comprehensive Sanitary Sewer**
29 **Rehabilitation Project** - President Jones stated in the absence of Trustee Oliver, he
30 would proceed with Trustee Oliver's report. President Jones stated Mr. Ken Budwash
31 from Robinson Engineering is here this evening to give a presentation in connection with
32 the Sanitary Rehabilitation Project.

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34 Mr. Ken Budwash from Robinson Engineering stated in the Board Packet there are two
35 exhibits, which summarize the results of the building inspections, and the Smoke Testing
36 results. 1300 homes have been inspected internally. There are 30 to 40 homes that still
37 need to be inspected. Out of the 1300 homes that have been inspected, 30% of the homes
38 have defects. There may be more than one defect in a home. Approximately, 400 letters
39 will be going out to residents notifying them of the defects and requesting that they
40 correct the defects. President Jones asked Mr. Budwash to describe the types of violations
41 they found during the inspections. Mr. Budwash stated they have found where the ejector
42 pit is not sealed. That means there is no bottom in the pit. The ejector pit is to be used for
43 sanitary sewer purposes only. There are over 50 incidences where the ejector pit is not
44 sealed on the bottom. It is open to the stone and usually underneath the concrete floor in
45 the basement, which takes in ground water. Another violation is the combination sump
46 pumps that serve as both an ejector for the sanitary sewer and for footing drain tiles.

1 Those two are suppose to be separate. Sometimes they are combined into one pit. The
2 footing drains take in storm water from the footings and foundations of the homes and is
3 then stored in the pit and pumped into the sanitary sewers. That is a major source of
4 inflow infiltration into the sewer system. Occasionally, there will be diverter valves in the
5 system. On a good day when there is no rain the storm sewage will be diverted outside,
6 and then when there is a storm, and there is standing water on the lot, the resident will
7 turn the valve and whatever is taken into the pit then gets pumped into the sewer system.

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9 Mr. Budwash stated with regard to the Smoke Testing, we find clean out defects.
10 Residents may have root problems. There may be clean outs installed by a plumber
11 outside the house. The clean out covers are not sealed correctly, and they are a source of
12 inflow and infiltration into the sewer system. Another problem is downspouts connected
13 to the sewer. Everything collected on the roof goes into the downspouts. That is another
14 defect that needs to be corrected. Those are some of the major defects that they found.

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16 President Jones stated letters would be sent to the homeowners of the homes that have not
17 been inspected to-date. Some of those homes are vacant homes, and those may never get
18 inspected. There are, approximately, 15 to 25 homes that are occupied and need to be
19 inspected. There are, approximately, 10 to 20 homes that are vacant. He stated letters
20 would be going out to the homeowners regarding the defects that were found. He stated
21 most of the defects are combination sump pumps, storm sump connections, and ejector
22 pits not sealed. President Jones inquired of Mr. Budwash as to a ballpark figure on what it
23 may cost a resident to remedy these defects. Mr. Budwash stated the cost could be
24 \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00 if a new sump pit is required. He stated an ejector pit with a
25 bottom can be replaced relatively inexpensively. If a brand-new pit has to be installed
26 that is expensive.

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28 Administrator Mekarski asked Mr. Budwash to emphasize for everyone the reason why it
29 is so important for the homeowners to make these repairs. Mr. Budwash stated about half
30 the inflow comes into the sewer system through private sources, and about half through
31 the public sources. Administrator Mekarski stated, ultimately, it is in everybody's best
32 interest that the Village have a tight sanitary sewer system so there are not sanitary sewer
33 backups in the basements, and in the first floor of the home if it is built on a slab. He
34 stated there are two ways to eliminate rainwater from the system. One is to correct the
35 public lines, and the Village has launched a Seven Million-Dollar Project to do that. The
36 rainwater that is eliminated by tightening up the gutters and sump pumps is less tax
37 dollars to fix the main system.

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39 President Jones inquired of Mr. Budwash how much time the Municipalities generally
40 give the homeowners to make the corrections. Mr. Budwash stated that varies, but
41 anywhere from 30 to 90 days. The average would be 60 days. President Jones stated he
42 thinks the Board will have to consider a longer period of time due to the economy, and
43 the fact we are moving into the winter months. He wants the Board to think about that,
44 and this will be up for discussion in a couple weeks. President Jones stated the Village
45 would be sending out letters to the homeowners of the homes where an inspection has not
46 been completed yet.

1 President Jones stated the sewer system consists of two major parts. The pipe that comes
2 out of the house and connects to the Village's sewer line, that pipe that comes out of the
3 house is a lateral. The homeowner owns that pipe. The homes with defects in the laterals
4 were identified through the Smoke Testing. There are 100 to 150 homes with lateral
5 defects. President Jones inquired of Mr. Budwash what was involved in repairing a
6 lateral. Mr. Budwash stated there are a couple options. You can replace the pipe. There is
7 also a trench list option. Laterals can be lined just like sewer main lines can be lined with
8 cured in place pipe lining material. That is another option. That is on a case-by-case
9 basis.

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11 President Jones suggested that the residents in the audience go home and think about
12 some of these issues and come back in two weeks and discuss them with the Board, as to
13 what they think is fair and appropriate. He stated the more you shift the tax dollars, the
14 more you are paying for a problem that is at somebody else's house. President Jones
15 inquired of everyone, or should the Village notify these residents that they have to deal
16 with this because it is on their property, and it is an obligation they owe themselves and
17 the community to maintain their property. President Jones would like to hear some
18 feedback from the residents who are here tonight on this matter.

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20 In regard to the laterals, President Jones inquired of Mr. Budwash if there was a way to
21 quantify that cost. Mr. Budwash stated there are some general ballpark numbers that can
22 be used. However, it depends on the length of the lateral, and the location of the house
23 sited on the lot and how many feet of lateral there actually is. It can be on a per foot basis.
24 President Jones inquired if there was a way to estimate how much of a lateral there is
25 with the properties with the defects. Mr. Budwash stated you can estimate where the
26 sewer main is, and you know where the sewer service leaves the building and you can
27 pace it off and see roughly what the distance is. President Jones stated the Village did not
28 ask Robinson Engineering to do that. He stated the Village would have to pay an engineer
29 to walk it off. Mr. Budwash stated there would be an additional cost for that. President
30 Jones suggested that Mr. Budwash get together with his team and give the Village an
31 estimate of what the cost would be to do that on a collective basis.

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33 Trustee Pennington inquired as to whether or not it was possible to find multiple defects
34 in a residence. Mr. Budwash stated yes. He stated out of the 400 homes with defects,
35 approximately, 90 homes have two defects. Approximately, 20 homes have three defects.

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37 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired as to why Arcadia School was placed on the list of not
38 being inspected yet. She could understand the homes not being inspected if there are
39 scheduling problems. President Jones stated the inspection is occurring at the school. She
40 also inquired as to the homes that have not been inspected yet, whether or not a more
41 flexible schedule was setup in case the people are working. Mr. Budwash stated there was
42 flexibility to have inspections in the evenings, and on Saturdays, throughout the whole
43 inspection process. He feels that the homes that were not inspected to-date; there are
44 other reasons why they have not been inspected. Mr. Budwash stated letters were sent to
45 the homeowners of the homes that have not been inspected to-date, informing them that

1 they had to contact Robinson Engineering to schedule an inspection. Many of those
2 homes are for sale. There are approximately 40 homes that have not been inspected.

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4 President Jones stated the Board would not be taking any action tonight. The televising of
5 the sewers is almost complete. But it is getting to the point where the Village will be
6 going out to bid for the relining of the publicly owned sanitary sewers in Graymoor and
7 Hawthorne Hills. That relining will occur on the publicly owned sewers by the end of this
8 fiscal year. That is within the Budget. Mr. Budwash hopes to be opening with bids for
9 that within the next month. The Village will be going out to bid for the manhole cover
10 repairs. That will also be done this fiscal year and is a budgeted item. President Jones
11 stated Administration would be talking to Mr. Budwash in regard to what kind of cost the
12 Village would be imposing on the residents if the Village moves forward with the
13 enforcement on the current defects and the laterals. The Board may have Mr. Budwash
14 back in a couple weeks for some additional input regarding that. Mr. Budwash stated he
15 would be glad to come back and he will keep the Board informed.

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17 **Snow Removal Bid Recommendation – 203rd and 211th Street Metra Stations -**

18 President Jones stated the next item under Public Works is for the snow removal bid
19 recommendation for the 203rd Street and 211th Street Metra Stations. President Jones
20 stated the Department of Public Works went out for public bid on this matter. The
21 Department of Public Works received bids by three contractors. The highest bid was from
22 Snow Pros in the amount of \$85,186.00. GT&L Inc. is the current contractor with the
23 Village for the two lots. Their bid was in the amount of \$41,343.00. Property Care
24 Management, which is a local business, submitted a bid in the amount of \$32,000.00.
25 Property Care Management is currently under contract with the Village for the
26 maintenance of the detention pond at 203rd Street. A representative from Property Care
27 Management is in the audience. President Jones stated after meeting with the two
28 representatives from Property Care Management, Calvin Jordan and Jay Readey, it is the
29 recommendation of the Department of Public Works that the Board accept the lowest bid
30 from Property Care Management in the amount of \$32,000.00. This is approximately
31 \$4,000.00 under what the Village had budgeted for this item.

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33 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to accept the bid**
34 **of Property Care Management for snow removal maintenance of the 203rd and 211th**
35 **Street Metra Parking Lots for an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00.**

36 **Roll Call: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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38 **Resolution #2008-14** – President Jones stated the next item under Public Works is
39 Resolution #2008-14, which is another symptom of our times. It is the cost of salt.
40 President Jones stated last year the Village paid \$37.59 per ton. This year the cost will be
41 \$97.54 per ton if the Village hurries up and buys it. This price is as a result of the
42 Village's participation in the State Joint Purchasing Program. Last year President Jones
43 had to ask the Board for an emergency appropriation to buy salt because the Village ran
44 out as a result of all the snowfalls. At that time, salt was going for over \$100.00 a ton.
45 President Jones stated there are Municipalities that are paying over \$150.00 a ton. In
46 order to pay for this, President Jones is submitting to the Board a Supplemental

1 Resolution to use funds from the Village's Motor Fuel Tax Fund (MFT). There is
2 currently a surplus in that fund of several hundred thousand dollars. The MFT Fund is
3 used to complement the Village's expenditures from the General Fund for road
4 maintenance generally. The Engineers have informed the Village that this is a legitimate
5 expenditure. Instead of taking the funds out of the General Fund, President Jones is
6 proposing that the money comes out of the MFT Fund in order to keep the General Fund
7 in tact.

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9 **Motion by Trustee Gibson second by Trustee Nale to approve proposed Resolution**
10 **#2008-14 – A Supplemental Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by**
11 **a Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for an amount not to exceed**
12 **\$52,000.00.**

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14 President Jones stated the Village has to make the expenditure because the Village has to
15 have the salt.

16 **Roll Call: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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18 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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20 Trustee Nale stated she did not have a formal report this evening. She stated there was a
21 Regulatory Safety Assistant visit by the insurance company that pays for compensation.
22 A lot of the rules and regulations have been changed. Trustee Nale was with the
23 representative while he visited all the departments and discussed various safety issues.
24 The safety issues will be submitted in writing to the Director of Finance, Cindy Saenz,
25 within the next several weeks. Trustee Nale stated the safety issues will be discussed at
26 the next Executive Safety Committee Meeting.

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28 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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30 **Resolution #2008-15** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the first item she has under the
31 Public Safety Agenda is for Resolution #2008-15, which is a Resolution asking for a
32 Traffic Warrant Study to evaluate the need for installation of stop signs at the location of
33 the north and southbound lanes of Olympian Way at the intersection of 207th Street. This
34 would be at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 coming from the Village's Road Fund.

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36 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated this Resolution comes about as a result of several residents
37 expressing concerns regarding safety issues at that intersection.

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39 President Jones stated Trustee Ormsby has been a very strong proponent of the
40 installation of stop signs at the intersection of Olympian Way and 207th Street. He stated
41 Max Geldean, as well as residents from Suburban Woods, Vienna Woods, and the
42 original Village has requested this. President Jones stated a meeting was held with
43 Trustee Ormsby, and another resident of Suburban Woods, and Chief Chudwin this past
44 week regarding this matter. He stated Chief Chudwin is still very reticent about the safety
45 issues associated with this request. The Village Engineers do not know how the study
46 will come out. There was a very strong request by Trustee Ormsby that the study is done.

1 President Jones stated this would be an expenditure from the MFT Fund. He views this as
2 an emergency expenditure. He stated there is considerable debate about the merits of
3 installing the signs. But there are too many residents that are concerned about this issue.
4 President Jones believes the study should be performed. The Board will then be able to
5 review the report and make a decision.
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7 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the concern the Chief has is because the stop sign would be
8 close to the curve in the road. President Jones stated Chief Chudwin is concerned that
9 cars will be stacking up at the stop sign, and the traffic coming around the curve won't
10 see that and will run into those cars. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the study would bear
11 out what will be the proper way to go. She stated at the stop sign at 203rd Street and
12 Kedzie, sometimes there are 10 cars stacked at that stop sign.
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14 A gentleman in the audience asked if he could comment on this. President Jones stated no
15 we don't do that. President Jones inquired of the Board if they wanted him to suspend the
16 rules in order to allow the gentleman to speak. President Jones stated he did not want to
17 belabor this. Trustee Pennington stated let's move on.
18

19 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve proposed**
20 **Resolution #2008-15 – A Resolution for improvement by Municipality under the**
21 **Illinois Highway Code – 207th Street and Olympian Way Traffic Warrant Study for**
22 **an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.**
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24 President Jones stated he knows that Trustee Pennington will have his head for the last
25 two Motions because they go outside the Budget. He doesn't know what else the Village
26 can do. Trustee Pennington stated we would cross that bridge when we get to it.

27 **Roll Call: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**
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29 **Ordinance #2008-12** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the Board has before them
30 Ordinance #2008-12, which is an Ordinance amending the Ordinances of the Village of
31 Olympia Fields by adding a new Article VII, "Seizure and Impoundment of Motor
32 Vehicles," on First and Second Reading. She stated this was before the Board previously
33 for the changes in the new article, which speaks to the Seizure and Impoundment of
34 Motor Vehicles.
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36 President Jones stated there are situations in the Village where the police department has
37 to tow cars at significant time and expense to the police department. The police
38 department has stated that other Municipalities seize and impound the cars and require a
39 payment of a fee upwards of \$500.00 to have the car released. This is subject to a
40 hearing. President Jones stated this would not impact any of the Village residents. This
41 occurs when an individual commits a significant criminal act requiring the seizure of
42 their car. This is for serious driving offenses, such as DUI's and other higher-level
43 criminal offenses as defined in the Ordinance. This will give the Village a tool to recover
44 some of the cost the Village is incurring in these matters. President Jones is
45 recommending approval of the Ordinance.
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1 **Motion by Trustee Gibson second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve proposed**
2 **Ordinance #2008-12 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, "Motor Vehicles and**
3 **Traffic," of the Code of the Ordinances of the Village of Olympia Fields by adding**
4 **new Article VII, "Seizure and Impoundment of Motor Vehicles" on First and**
5 **Second Reading.**

6 **Roll Call: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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8 Trustee Meyers-Martin reminded the residents on behalf of Chief Chudwin, that if
9 residents see any unusual behavior in their neighborhood, they should contact the police
10 immediately. She stated that over the past few months there have been several thefts at
11 vacant homes of copper piping. Chief Chudwin wants the residents to understand that
12 when they see individuals entering a vacant home, residents should not assume that
13 individual is a worker that has been hired to do work in the home. The residents should
14 contact the police in order for them to investigate whether or not that individual has been
15 hired to do work in the home. Trustee-Meyers-Martin stated this would be discussed at
16 the Town Hall Meeting on October 23rd.

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18 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the Public Safety Committee would be meeting on
19 November 19, 2008, as part of their strategy to meet on a more regular basis. They will
20 be discussing current issues that have come before the Public Safety Committee.

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22 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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24 **Ordinance #2008-11** – Administrator Mekarski stated the first item in the
25 Administrator's report is Ordinance #2008-11 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of
26 the Municipal Code of the Village of Olympia Fields to add a new Article V Establishing
27 Standards for the Construction of Facilities on the Public Rights-of-Way. This is before
28 the Board on First Reading. Administrator Mekarski stated the Village Attorney drafted
29 this Ordinance from a model Ordinance from the Illinois Municipal League. It is coming
30 before the Board due to changes in State Law, namely Public Act 95-0009 that provided a
31 new regulatory mix in Illinois for video service providers. The new AT&T Project
32 Lightspeed, or what is now commonly called "U-verse."

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34 Administrator Mekarski stated in the process of passing new legislation, the change in the
35 law made it necessary for Municipalities to amend their own rights-of-way regulations to
36 remain consistent with the Public Act. The lengthy Ordinance in the Board Packet
37 provides a comprehensive revision to ensure that all utilities, gas, telephone, electric, and
38 video services, meet the full scrutiny when they are conducting business in the Village.
39 He is recommending that the matter be adopted and before the Board for Second Reading
40 at the next Board Meeting. He stated the Ordinance has met the approval of the Director
41 of Public Works as well as the Village's Engineer.

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve**
2 **Ordinance #2008-11 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code**
3 **of the Village of Olympia Fields to add a new Article V Establishing Standards for**
4 **the Construction of Facilities on the Public Rights-of-Way on First Reading.**

5 **Roll Call: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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7 **Project Gold Shield Participation Agreement** - Administrator Mekarski stated the next
8 item is coming before the Board from Chief Chudwin. Chief Chudwin has been working
9 with Cook County on a mobile video and data communications network opportunity.
10 Cook County has received major money from the Federal Government to enhance
11 Homeland Security to provide some interoperability in communications across various
12 public safety agencies in the County, and also to provide an intercommunication with
13 video surveillance technology. In the Board Packet is an Agreement from Cook County
14 that will be before the Board sometime in the late fall. Administrator Mekarski would
15 like the Board to review the Agreement.

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17 Administrator Mekarski stated the opportunity can provide the Village with close to
18 \$100,000.00 from the County for the purchase of video surveillance equipment. This
19 could enhance and extend the 203rd Street Video Surveillance Project. This could
20 possibly allow the Village to expand it to the 211th Street Metra Facility, or at some key
21 intersections or commercial corridors that are recommended by the police department.
22 Administrator Mekarski stated there are a significant amount of strings attached in the
23 Agreement and Chief Chudwin is still negotiating with the County and other
24 Municipalities to work some of these bugs out. After the Board has had an opportunity to
25 review the Agreement, if there are any questions, the Board can submit those questions to
26 Administrator Mekarski or Chief Chudwin

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28 President Jones stated we all have a general skepticism of doing business with Cook
29 County. The burden of persuasion is on the County. The County has to persuade Chief
30 Chudwin, and then ultimately this Board, that the benefits clearly outweigh the
31 entanglements with the County's operations that this Agreement would entail, in terms of
32 their ability to tap-in to the Village's Video Surveillance capability and how that would
33 be managed. The County is offering to purchase equipment but then the Village is left
34 with the maintenance expenses of the equipment. President Jones stated he has spoken
35 with Chief Chudwin from time to time about the need to purchase video cameras for the
36 Village's police cars. This would pay for several of those. The Village is aware that this is
37 something it needs to do. The Village is not sure it is the right equipment it needs to buy,
38 and if the maintenance costs are good for the Village, and whether or not the Village
39 wants to be tied into the County's response system. President Jones does not see this
40 coming before the Board until possibly November. The Village has asked the consultant
41 from Northern Illinois University who consulted on the Video Surveillance Project for
42 the hospital, the Metra Stations, and the high school, to participate in the conversations
43 with Cook County to find out his analysis of the pros and cons that are being offered to
44 the Municipalities by the County.

1 **Resolution #2008-13** – Administrator Mekarski stated the next item is in regard to
2 Resolution #2008-13 – A Resolution Declaring a Default and Authorizing a Demand on
3 Subdivision Bond for The Traditions of Olympia Fields from Lexon Insurance Company,
4 Subdivision Bond 1008731. Administrator Mekarski stated this is to assist the residents
5 of The Traditions in bringing the kind of improvement to the road network that was
6 promised by the initial builder of the subdivision, Burnside or Bud Arquilla & Co. The
7 Traditions Subdivision had gone into default. The property was foreclosed. Royal Bank
8 of Canada took over the project and is working on the Code deficiencies that had been
9 previously provided to the Board. One of the big items was to get the builder to pay for
10 the final lift on the existing roadway. The lift was to be done when 80% of the
11 subdivision was completed, and/or before three years. The 80% mark has not been met
12 and will not be met. Administrator Mekarski stated it is critical to get the top lift on the
13 subdivision pavement on the base course. Otherwise, the Village would lose the integrity
14 of the base course asphalt.

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16 Administrator Mekarski stated the Resolution was prepared by the Village Attorney
17 wherein the Village declares a default in the subdivision requirements, namely the
18 requirement for the developer to provide the paving for the roadway, the final lift. This
19 allows the Village to legally work to obtain the money from the subdivision Bond. There
20 was a Bond placed on this subdivision for about \$505,000.00. The estimated cost of the
21 final lift is under \$200,000.00. The cost is being evaluated right now. Royal Bank of
22 Canada has forwarded a \$7,000.00 check. Out of that, \$2,000.00 is being utilized by
23 Baxter & Woodman to do an existing Traditions Survey. \$5,000.00 will be reserved for
24 the actual bidding process for the final lift. Administrator Mekarski stated the Village
25 would like this done before the asphalt plants close down for the winter.

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27 President Jones stated if the Resolution is passed, it puts the Village in the legal posture
28 of declaring the developer in default, and the Village can assess its rights under the Bond.
29 The developer is bankrupt. The developer may try to draw the surety and the Village into
30 his bankruptcy proceedings if this Resolution is passed. It is President Jones
31 recommendation that the Village not spend too much money pursuing this. It is a good
32 thing if the Village can get it. But at the same time, the Village could spend a lot of
33 money on legal proceedings to try to exercise its rights with someone that is bankrupt.
34 This is not a sure thing.

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36 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve Resolution**
37 **#2008-13 – A Resolution Declaring a Default and Authorizing a Demand on**
38 **Subdivision Bond for The Traditions of Olympia Fields/Lexon Insurance Company,**
39 **as the surety under Subdivision Bond No. 1008731.**

40 **Roll Call: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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42 **Federal Disaster Declaration – Cook County Jurisdictions – Flood of September 13,**
43 **2008** – Administrator Mekarski stated the next item is an announcement from the Cook
44 County Emergency Management Agency. On October 3, 2008, a Federal Disaster Area
45 was declared for Cook County. Individuals that were impacted by the flooding on
46 September 13, 2008, may apply for assistance from FEMA, and the Small Business

1 Administration, and other Federal Agencies. Information regarding contact numbers has
2 been posted on the Village's Website. There is also information on Channel 4. The
3 Village received information regarding basement flooding, listing conditions that FEMA
4 will and will not accept. Administrator Mekarski urged residents to go to the Village's
5 Website and download the letter and the contact information, and contact FEMA to
6 determine whether or not a resident can receive reimbursement through FEMA's
7 Programs or through a loan from the Small Business Administration.
8 In regard to whether or not basement flooding counts for reimbursement from FEMA, the
9 letter the Village received states as follows: "If the basement is an essential living area,
10 the level of the water in the basement can result in classification as a major. An essential
11 living area is indicated as a bedroom, if it is a large family and there are not enough
12 bedrooms in the upper level of the home. A family room, or a game room in the basement
13 is not an essential living area."
14

15 **Town Hall Meeting – October 23, 2008** – Administrator Mekarski announced that a
16 Special Town Hall Meeting would be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008, in the Board
17 Room at Village Hall at 7 P.M. This will cover public safety and property maintenance.
18 Chief Chudwin and the Command Staff will be present to provide tips to the residents on
19 public safety. Information regarding Code Enforcement will be discussed at that meeting.
20 Judge Crusor from the Village's Adjudication Court will be present at the meeting to
21 discuss the adjudication process in Court. Jim Peterson, the Village's Building
22 Commissioner will be present at the meeting. Sean Barry, the Code Enforcement Officer
23 will be present. The Board of Trustees will be present as well. He urged all residents to
24 attend the meeting.
25

26 **District 162 School Board Meeting – Arcadia School** – Administrator Mekarski stated
27 District 162 has had great success on its ISAT Standardized Testing, exceeding the State
28 Standards for Mathematics and Reading. Principal Ransford, Dr. Blondean Davis, and the
29 entire team will be honored at a Special Meeting on October 21, 2008, at Arcadia
30 Elementary School. A Memorial Proclamation will be read.
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32 **Road Salt** – Administrator Mekarski stated in regard to the cost of salt, at the Board
33 Meeting on October 27, 2008, Resolution #2008-16 would be before the Board
34 requesting the Illinois Attorney General to investigate the sodium chloride road salt crisis
35 that Illinois is facing. Municipalities in Wisconsin and Michigan are paying \$49.00 a ton
36 for salt. In northeastern Illinois, Municipalities are paying as much as \$232.00 a ton for
37 salt. Fuel cost has increased by 36%. Road salt has increased in some cases by 70%. The
38 Municipalities are getting together and asking Illinois Attorney General Madigan to
39 investigate the matter to find out whether or not there is any price gouging or price fixing.
40 President Jones inquired as to whether or not that would be timely to have the matter
41 before the Board on October 27, 2008. Administrator Mekarski stated it would be timely.
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43 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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45 President Jones stated he would pass on the report of the Village President.
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1 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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3 **Consideration of a request by Rich Township to allow ESDA to relocate to the Old**
4 **Police Station** – President Jones stated previously he had discussed with the Board that
5 Rich Township ESDA, which provides emergency services to all of the Municipalities in
6 the Rich Township area, would like to use three offices in the Old Village Hall in the
7 police department to house their command operations. The members of ESDA are
8 volunteers. There are space issues at the Rich Township Facility on Governors Highway.
9 ESDA lost their offices there. The Village is not using the three offices that ESDA is
10 requesting. ESDA would pay the Village \$100.00 a month for the use of the offices.
11 Three people would be there in the evening from time to time. President Jones stated the
12 Village can always count on ESDA in an emergency situation to help the Village, and
13 having their command center at that location is a benefit to the Village. This does not
14 have any impact on the Homeowners Associations that use the Old Village Hall. The
15 staff room where the officers met before they went out on shift is being used by Public
16 Works for a lunchroom. Up until now, the employees at Public Works were eating lunch
17 in the garage, which was very unhealthy. President Jones stated he has been after Public
18 Works to open that area up for the employees to use that area as a lunchroom.

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20 **Motion by Trustee Meyers-Martin, second by Trustee Gibson to approve a month-**
21 **to-month lease to Rich Township ESDA for \$100.00 a month for the use of the three**
22 **offices in the Old Police Department at the Old Village Hall.**

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24 Trustee Nale inquired of President Jones as to whether or not ESDA would be able to use
25 any of the equipment in the building, such as the Xerox Machine. President Jones stated
26 that area is not open to ESDA. They won't have a key to get into that area.

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28 Trustee Pennington inquired as to whether or not the monthly fee is a negotiated fee.
29 President Jones stated that is all they could afford. The Village will not be cleaning those
30 offices. ESDA will clean the three offices.

31 **Roll Call: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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33 **Town Hall Meeting** – President Jones stated he requested Sean Barry, the Code
34 Enforcement Officer to prepare a compilation from January 1, 2008, to-date, regarding
35 Lawn Maintenance, Vehicle Enforcement, and Local Building Code Cases and Notices.
36 A lot of data is being gathered and will be made available at the Town Hall Meeting.

37
38 President Jones stated 469 lawns have been mowed since the beginning of the year by the
39 Village of Olympia Fields. This is private property. The Village has filed 405 Liens for
40 cutting those lawns. That comes to \$68,850.00 in Liens for Lawn Maintenance. The
41 actual cost to the Village is approximately \$17,000.00. To-date the Village has collected
42 approximately \$8,700.00.

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44 President Jones stated as to Vehicle Enforcement, 484 Municipal Tickets were issued.
45 This includes 166 Citations for Abandoned, Unlicensed, and Inoperable Vehicles. Those
46 can be multiple Citations to one vehicle.

1 President Jones stated there are 79 cases in the Building Court, which began on April 3,
2 2008, before Judge Crusor. 46 of those are Exterior Property Maintenance Violations. 33
3 are Violations of Licensing and Permit Ordinances. \$10,200.00 in fines has been levied
4 to-date. There are 23 cases currently on the docket for November. President Jones stated
5 that data would be provided to the residents as well at the meeting.
6

7 **Finance Committee Meeting** – Trustee Pennington stated he wanted the record to show
8 that the Finance Committee will be meeting on October 24, 2008, to discuss the
9 2008/2009 audit. Sikich, Gardner & Co. will be coming in to discuss their audit findings
10 with the Finance Committee. That information will be provided to the Board in
11 November.
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13 **Governors State University Promise** – Trustee Gibson inquired as to whether or not the
14 Board made a decision regarding the Governors State University Promise. Administrator
15 Mekarski stated the Board had suggested to bring that up again during Budget time. Ron
16 Bean will be invited to some of the Budget Workshops and the Board would make a
17 decision during the Budget Process.
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19 President Jones stated Trustee Gibson is referring to a request by a Foundation of
20 Governors State that the Village make a contribution of tax dollars to their Foundation to
21 defray tuition expenses for needy students. The Board will decide whether or not it thinks
22 it is appropriate for a public body to do that. And if the Board believes it is appropriate,
23 then the Board has to decide how much the Village should contribute. That matter will be
24 discussed in the spring.
25

26 **New Residents Reception** – Trustee Gibson reminded the Trustees and the Homeowners
27 Association Presidents that the annual meeting of the Homeowners Association
28 Presidents will be held on October 18, 2008, at 9:00 A.M. After that meeting, the second
29 annual reception for new residents to the Village during the past year will be held. The
30 reception will begin at 10:30 A.M. and go to noon. President Jones stated he has prepared
31 an Agenda, as well as some speaking responsibilities for the Trustees if they are in
32 attendance.
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34 **Park District** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated she finally met with Antione Edwards
35 from the Park District in her role as Liaison to the Park District. What use to be called the
36 "Family Fall Picnic" has been changed to "Party in the Park." That event is held the third
37 Saturday in July. Trustee Meyers-Martin explained to Mr. Edwards the Village's prior
38 participation in the past. And that it is important for Mr. Edwards to inform Trustee
39 Meyers-Martin what the Park District is planning to do in terms of expenses, prior to the
40 Board beginning the discussions regarding the Budget. Due to the fact the Park District
41 has been in an upheaval the last couple years, the Village has not contributed to the event.
42 This year, Trustee Meyers-Martin received the information too late for the Village to
43 participate in the event.
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1 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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3 Trustee Gibson stated this was kind of a personal matter, but she wanted to announce that
4 her very, very, good friend, Louise Schweinfurth, and one of the most loyal and
5 supportive residents in this Village, has had an unfortunate health experience while going
6 through what was suppose to have been a routine test. She is in Ingalls Hospital. She is
7 not accepting visitors. Trustee Gibson requested that everyone keep Roy and Louise in
8 their prayers and maybe send a card. President Jones stated the Village would certainly
9 do that. That is very sad news. President Jones stated that Mrs. Schweinfurth is tough.
10 Trustee Gibson agreed that she is tough.

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12 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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14 **Resignation of Dr. JoAnn Foriest – Education Commission** - President Jones stated,
15 unfortunately, he has to announce the resignation of Dr. JoAnn Foriest who is one of the
16 original members of the Education Commission. Dr. Foriest is resigning due to her work
17 schedule. She is a Professor at Prairie State College. Due to her work obligations, she
18 does not feel she can continue to serve on the Commission.

19
20 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to accept the resignation**
21 **of Dr. JoAnn Foriest as an Education Commission Member effective immediately,**
22 **and authorize the Village Administrator to forward a letter on behalf of the**
23 **President and Board thanking her for her dedication, commitment, and service.**

24 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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26 President Jones stated he is sure Administrator Mekarski will be coming to the Board
27 with a recommendation soon. Administrator Mekarski stated he would be working with
28 Trustee Oliver on that and forwarding a recommendation to President Jones.

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30 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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32 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to adjourn at 9:27 P.M.**

33 **Voice Vote: All Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**

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35 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**
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