



1 President Jones stated that the Village currently receives that through Exelon. They have  
2 a three-year contract. The Village belongs to a consortium, NIMEC. President Jones  
3 stated that we bid the contract.

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5 President Jones suggested that Mr. Velasco meet with Administrator Mekarski so that  
6 Administrator Mekarski can obtain information about Mr. Velasco's company. He stated  
7 that the Village just wants the best rates it can get. If Mr. Velasco's company can achieve  
8 that in years to come, they could have the business. President Jones thanked Mr. Velasco  
9 for attending the meeting. President Jones closed Communications and Petitions at 7:43  
10 P.M.

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12 **FINANCE:**

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14 **September 2009 Financial Statements** - Trustee Pennington stated that we are now five  
15 months into our Budget. This evening, Trustee Pennington will be reporting on the  
16 revenues and expenses incurred for the period ending September 30, 2009. Trustee  
17 Pennington stated that we continue to see a lag in revenue receipt generation in the core  
18 revenue accounts for the month of September. The Village closed the month of  
19 September in a deficit position in the amount of \$91,331.54. The Village realized actual  
20 revenue in the amount of \$310,670.15. The Village incurred actual expenses in the  
21 amount of \$402,001.69. The Village budgeted for a deficit in September. The budgeted  
22 revenue for the month was \$306,909.27. The budgeted expense figure was in the amount  
23 of \$355,891.68. This resulted in a Budget Fund Deficit in the amount of \$48,982.41. The  
24 Village collected \$62,318.94 in Sales Tax Revenue during this period, versus a budgeted  
25 amount of \$68,750.00, or 9% of our plan. The Village was 14% under plan in respect to  
26 the actual realized revenue in State Income Tax. The plan Budget was set at \$39,166.67.  
27 The Village collected \$33,505.68 in actual revenue. The Village realized a \$1,019.31  
28 increase in Real Estate Tax Revenue. The Village budgeted the sum of \$10,000.00. The  
29 Village realized \$11,019.31 in this revenue line item. The Village continues to see  
30 excellent revenue generation in the Towing/Impound Revenue line item. The Budget for  
31 this line item for September was \$6,666.67. The Village realized \$26,000.00 in actual  
32 revenue, or 25% above plan. The Village realized a 10% fall in Utility Tax Revenue for  
33 September. The Village's Budget for this line item was \$62,500.00. The Village realized  
34 \$56,333.11 in actual revenue. The year to date actual, plus encumbrance for September is  
35 a deficit in the amount of \$459,587.08. Trustee Pennington stated that the deficits could  
36 be attributed to timing issues related to the receipt of funds due the Village from prior  
37 periods that may not have been booked in the current period. The Village anticipates this  
38 timing issue to be resolved by December 31, 2009, when all funds due and owing to the  
39 Village are to be disbursed. Trustee Pennington stated that the Village has received an  
40 additional \$20,000.00 in Property Tax Revenue that came in late last week. The Village  
41 is beginning to see a release of some of these funds. He stated that all funds that are due  
42 and owing to the Village should be received by the end of December.

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44 Trustee Pennington stated that the same items and the same issues hold true with the  
45 Water Fund and the Sewer Fund. It is a matter of timing of getting the revenues in on  
46 plan and on time. He stated that there was one large expenditure in the Sewer Fund that

1 occurred in September. That was in the amount of \$334,000.00 capital expenditure  
2 relating to the Village's Sewer Rehabilitation Project. That left the year to date actual,  
3 plus encumbrance for that fund in a deficit status in the amount of \$502,000.00.  
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5 President Jones stated that when the monthly financial statements are prepared for the  
6 Board, he would like them sent to the Finance Committee as well.  
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8 Trustee Ormsby stated that it seems that the Water Fund is always running at a deficit.  
9 Trustee Pennington stated that, currently, it is running at a deficit. In prior periods, it has  
10 run with positive numbers.  
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12 President Jones stated that based on this report, the sale of water is running about  
13 \$80,000.00 below plan revenues. The Village is running about \$70,000.00 in actual  
14 expenses below plan. It is a very modest deficit. From the annual Budget the Village  
15 budgeted a deficit in this fund in terms of its operations. President Jones stated that right  
16 now it is running at a deficit year to date of \$24,000.00. Trustee Ormsby stated that this is  
17 something that she would like the Board to review at Budget time. President Jones stated  
18 that the Board would look at it in February, at Budget time, to see how this is shaking  
19 out.  
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21 President Jones stated that the only way for sure to impact the Budget is to raise the rates.  
22 Trustee Pennington stated that it is important to note that the Village's revenues are tied  
23 into Oak Lawn's rates. As their rates continue to increase, the Village has to look at that  
24 as well. Trustee Ormsby stated that is another point for the Board to look at. President  
25 Jones stated that the Village automatically increases the water rates by Oak Lawn's  
26 increases. The Village's Ordinance automatically passes onto the user what the Village  
27 has to pay to Oak Lawn if they raise their rates. He stated what is problematic is, if this  
28 Board decides to raise its own water rates for its own revenue sources. He stated that he  
29 does not believe the Board has any desire to do that. He stated that the Board would look  
30 at this in the spring in the Budget Cycle. He stated that for the full fiscal year it is  
31 projected at about a \$100,000.00 deficit. He stated that Olympia Fields is doing a lot  
32 better than some of the other communities, and we have to be grateful for that.  
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34 **2008 Agency Tax Rate Report** – Trustee Pennington stated that in the Board Packet  
35 there is a Memo from Cynthia Saenz that discusses the Village's 2008 Agency Tax Rate  
36 Report. It addresses with specificity the Village's levy. The Village's Tax Rate for the  
37 2008 tax year is 1.067%, compared to 1.075% for 2007. The total 2008 Levy for the  
38 Village of Olympia Fields calculates to \$2,293,913.00 with an overall EAV (Estimated  
39 Assessed Value) of \$214,990,968.00, which is an increase of 12%. For 2007 the Levy  
40 calculation was \$2,060,967.00 with an overall EAV of \$191,805,653.00. As of  
41 September 30<sup>th</sup> the Village has collected \$1,098,064.07. The remaining balance of  
42 \$1,195,848.93 will be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Village is collecting the full .992%  
43 which is the Village's value that came about as a result of the Tax Referendum.  
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1 **BUILDING:**

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3 **Trees on Kedzie Avenue** - Trustee Ormsby stated that there are four trees on Kedzie that  
4 did not make it through the summer and they will be removed. There is some  
5 overcrowding. In the area where there is overcrowding, four trees will be removed and  
6 they will replace the four trees that did not survive over the summer. A number of Pear  
7 Trees are distressed. They are going to be topped. The Arborist looked at them. The  
8 Village Landscaper will be doing the work. Trustee Ormsby stated that she has money in  
9 the Budget for this to be done.

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11 **Building Department Update** – Trustee Ormsby stated that in the Board Packet there is  
12 a Building Department Status Report from John McDonnell. Mr. McDonnell highlighted  
13 the items that he has been working on.

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15 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired of Trustee Ormsby as to whether or not the trees that  
16 were going to be replaced were the ones that were hit in a Matteson Police Department  
17 chase last year, or whether the trees that are going to be replaced did not survive  
18 naturally. Trustee Ormsby stated that in the area that is overcrowded, four of those trees  
19 were used to replace the four trees that were hit in the police chase. The four trees that  
20 currently need to be replaced are right in a row. They are going to use trees out of their  
21 present stock in the area where it is overcrowded, to replace the four trees that did not  
22 survive. Trustee Ormsby stated that the Arborist believes that most of the trees in the  
23 Village are very healthy.

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25 Trustee Ormsby stated that the Village had its own Tree Program. It did not share it with  
26 Homewood this year. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that when the Tree Program was  
27 shared with Homewood, residents had more choices of trees that they could choose from.  
28 Trustee Ormsby stated that they used the list of trees from the Tree City Program.  
29 Olympia Fields picked the top three or four trees that were recommended by the Tree  
30 City Program. They were chosen based on sustainability, hardiness and long-term  
31 growth. She stated that they wanted to present healthy trees to the public. Trustee Ormsby  
32 stated that if you want more of a variety, they could go deeper into the list of trees from  
33 the Tree City Program. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that someone had mentioned to her  
34 that the Homewood residents get more choices than Olympia Fields. Trustee Ormsby  
35 stated that Homewood has a choice of 10 or 12 trees. She can review the trees that  
36 Homewood chooses next year. Homewood is a Tree City. She doesn't know what process  
37 Homewood uses to choose their trees.

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39 **Banners for Arcadia School** – President Jones inquired of Trustee Ormsby as to where  
40 we are at on the banners for Arcadia School. Trustee Ormsby stated that she and Trustee  
41 Gibson made the final selection, and the banners are in the process of being made.  
42 Administrator Mekarski stated that they should be delivered this week. There will be six  
43 banners on Kedzie Avenue. Two larger banners will be displayed at Village Hall. One of  
44 the larger banners will be on the light pole at Governors and Lincoln Highway. Trustee  
45 Ormsby stated that the banners state "Olympia Fields, Arcadia School."  
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1 **PLANNING:**

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3 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have a formal report this evening. She stated that  
4 she had two announcements.

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6 **Plan Commission** – Trustee Gibson stated that the Plan Commission would meet on  
7 Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to consider the cell tower in the Irons Oaks Property.

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9 **Zoning Board of Appeals** – Trustee Gibson stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals  
10 would meet on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to consider the Petition for the fencing of the  
11 new house on Western Avenue. She stated that the Plan Commission and the Zoning  
12 Board of Appeals would be making recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

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14 Administrator Mekarski stated that in regard to the cell tower issue, they asked the  
15 attorney for T-Mobile, to place for demonstration purposes, a large, helium balloon, four  
16 to five feet in diameter at the exact height of the tower. The balloon is similar in color.  
17 The tower will be done in sort of a tan, brown. The idea is for the Trustees and the Plan  
18 Commission to see the actual height. Administrator Mekarski stated that we can  
19 demonstrate to the residents in The Greens, or in Graymoor whether it will be seen from  
20 their locale. In addition, they will be staking the property so that we can see where the  
21 appurtenant structures would be placed and the impact on the trees. Mr. McDonnell was  
22 making the contacts today. Administrator Mekarski is not sure if it has been firmed up.  
23 President Jones hopes that this will help the Plan Commission to be able to visualize the  
24 tower. Administrator Mekarski is to notify the Board Members when the balloon is up, so  
25 that they can observe it from Western Avenue, or they can drive onto the property and go  
26 in the back of the building to observe it. Trustee Gibson stated that when Mr. McDonnell  
27 has that finalized, she would like to know so that she can call the Plan Commission  
28 Members so that they can drop by the site before the meeting.

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30 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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32 **Recommendation for Final Payment to Insituform Technologies USA, Inc.** – Trustee  
33 Oliver stated that in the Board Packet is a recommendation from Robinson Engineering  
34 regarding the final waiver of lien for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Cured-In-Place  
35 Pipelining in the Graymoor and Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions. This is for final payment  
36 to Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. in the amount of \$64,068.46.

37 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to make final payment to**  
38 **Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. in the amount of \$64,068.46 for work completed**  
39 **in conjunction with the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Cured-In-Place Pipelining in**  
40 **the Graymoor and Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions.**

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

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43 **Recommendation for Payment #3 to Trine Construction Corp.** – Trustee Oliver stated  
44 that in the Board Packet is a recommendation from Robinson Engineering regarding  
45 payment for work that had been partially completed in the Hawthorne Hills and

1 Graymoor Subdivisions. This is for the partial waiver of liens in the sum of \$30,089.52  
2 for the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation.

3 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Nale to approve Payment #3 to Trine**  
4 **Construction Corp. in the amount of \$30,089.52 for work completed in conjunction**  
5 **with the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation in the Graymoor and Hawthorne**  
6 **Hills Subdivisions.**

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

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9 **Road Repairs** – Trustee Oliver stated that according to Joe Alexa, the work along Route  
10 30 is coming along pretty well. The weather has been kind. It looks as though IDOT may  
11 be able to finish the work ahead of schedule.

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13 **Updates on Public Works Projects** – President Jones stated that the Village is awaiting  
14 final bids for the Water Tower work. The Village is awaiting final bids for the next round  
15 of Sewer Rehabilitation Work. President Jones expects both of these items to be back  
16 before the Board within the next 30 days. President Jones stated that the Village has not  
17 received the formal paperwork from the State of Illinois, and the IEPA, in particular, with  
18 respect to the Village's 4.2 Million-Dollar application. Administrator Mekarski stated that  
19 verbally, the Village has positive affirmation and the Village is proceeding forward.  
20 President Jones stated that the Village is not moving forward even with the bids, unless it  
21 has signed contracts with the IEPA. President Jones stated that the Board selected a  
22 contractor for the Graymoor Lift Station Project. The Village is moving ahead on that  
23 project. President Jones stated that a Federal Grant would cover 50% to 60% of the cost  
24 of that project.

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26 **Country Club Drive** - President Jones stated that we have the estimated usage of  
27 Country Club Drive by the users of the country club, as well as by the residents of the  
28 Village. That information has been given to the country club. President Jones believes  
29 that it is time for Administrator Mekarski, Joe Alexa, and Baxter & Woodman to start the  
30 conversation with the country club to confirm that the country club will do their part, and  
31 pay for their portion of the cost of repaving Country Club Drive. President Jones stated  
32 that it should also be discussed whether or not the work should be done all at one time, or  
33 broken up in parts to be done over a few years. He stated that the area of Country Club  
34 Drive between Brookwood and Western is pretty beat up. He believes that area in whole,  
35 or in part, should be the focus of the spring.

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37 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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39 **Photo ID's** - Trustee Nale stated that the Human Resource Committee met recently. The  
40 Human Resource Committee suggested that all employees have their own photo ID's that  
41 will be worn during business hours. She stated that when the idea was suggested to  
42 several employees, it was unanimously accepted. This will require over 40 badges. It was  
43 recommended that a Photo ID Instrument be purchased. The Human Resource Committee  
44 is willing to investigate the cost for that if the Board approves. The purchase of said  
45 instrument would require the approval of the Board. Trustee Nale stated that she would  
46 like permission to go ahead and obtain those estimates.

1 President Jones stated that the Human Resource Committee did not need permission from  
2 the Board to do that. He believes that the Village has already gotten some estimates. He  
3 stated that we are moving ahead. It is a staff function. He stated that we would bring  
4 those estimates back to the Board. He believes that it is a great idea. He stated that the  
5 cost could be spread across Police, Administration, and the Public Works Budget, and  
6 perhaps some of the Customs money as appropriate. He stated that this is not a huge  
7 purchase. Previously, the Rich Township High School was preparing the ID's for the  
8 Village.

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10 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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12 **Customs Program** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that there was a Customs Payout on  
13 October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Due to the fact, Trustee Meyers-Martin was not at the last Board Meeting  
14 she was not able to report on it. The Village received a payment in the amount of  
15 \$60,456.24 on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that Officer Guy is going to be  
16 retiring. The Public Safety Committee will be meeting to discuss the transition from Jim  
17 Guy to another officer, in order for the Village to remain in the Customs Program.  
18 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that the Public Safety Committee is hoping to meet on  
19 November 16<sup>th</sup>.

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21 **Towing and Impound Program** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that our Towing and  
22 Impound Program continues to be successful in terms of the amount of activity that  
23 transpires in that program.

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25 **K-9 Unit** – Trustee Meyers-Martin was pleased to announce that the police department  
26 did receive their dog for the K-9 Unit. The dog is a German Shepherd. His name is Lars  
27 and he is two years old. She passed out pictures of Lars to the Board. Trustee Meyers-  
28 Martin stated that Officer Metzger started training with Lars on October 26<sup>th</sup>. She stated  
29 that everything is going well and they are very happy to have Lars on the Olympia Fields  
30 Police Department.

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32 Trustee Oliver stated that during the Civil Rights Movement, dogs in some communities  
33 were a big thing. He stated that some people are still kind of intimidated by dogs. He was  
34 wondering if there is some type of sensitivity training in regard to this for the dog and  
35 dog owner when it comes to patrol and those things that the dog will do. Trustee Meyers-  
36 Martin stated that she does not have specific information on sensitivity training. She  
37 assumes that would be part of the overall training. She stated that she could check to see  
38 whether or not any aspects of the training relates to that type of issue. She stated that  
39 most towns that have a K-9 Unit will have activities for the residents of that community  
40 to come out to meet the dog, and to see what the dog does, and to see how the dog and  
41 the officer interact together. She stated that is something that we would want to do in the  
42 summer with Lars. She feels that would go a long way in calming some of the fears of the  
43 residents as far as the dog's position in town and its work.

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45 Trustee Nale stated that she would be happy to bring that up in front of the Safety  
46 Committee if Trustee Oliver would like her to do so. Trustee Oliver stated that he didn't

1 want to make a big deal of it. He is just acknowledging that there could be a concern. He  
2 stated that in Country Club Hills they had a lot of programs with their police dog just to  
3 demystify what the dog is suppose to be doing, and that it is really a work dog, and that  
4 you should not have any fears with the dog. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that some  
5 towns will showcase the K-9 Unit, but they will combine it with the fingerprinting of the  
6 children. She stated that the police department would be willing to do that.

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8 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Meyers-Martin as to whether or not the Village  
9 automatically gets that slot for Officer Guy. President Jones stated that the Village is a  
10 part of the program. He stated that we would be selecting an experienced member of the  
11 police department who is willing to take on that responsibility. He stated that this means  
12 that there will be another opening in the police department. He stated that the Village  
13 would be hiring a new police officer sometime in the spring. He stated that we would be  
14 looking at other personnel issues within the police department to insure that there is  
15 continuity of all of these positions. He went on to state that the Village has been blessed  
16 with many long-term police officers. He stated that it has been a wonderful thing for the  
17 Village and its residents. However, the officers do move on. He stated that the Chief and  
18 Trustee Meyers-Martin are planning for that. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that we are  
19 looking at organizational structure right now. Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee  
20 Meyers-Martin as to when Officer Guy was going to retire. Trustee Meyers-Martin  
21 believes that it will be towards the end of this fiscal year in the spring.

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23 **RedFlex** – Trustee Gibson inquired of Trustee Meyers-Martin as to how the RedFlex  
24 Program is working in Olympia Fields. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that now that the  
25 Village has the second camera online and all of the kinks have been worked out, there  
26 have been a number of violations, especially, at Orchard and Route 30.

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28 President Jones stated that the cameras have revealed what we always knew, that a lot of  
29 people run through that light. He stated that, hopefully, over time that would lessen and  
30 lessen. Trustee Pennington stated that for the month of September we exceeded our plan  
31 in RedFlex by \$1,100.00.

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33 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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35 **Ordinance #2009-20 – An Ordinance Amending the Olympia Fields Village Code,  
36 Section 4-9 (2.1), "Hours of Sale," of Chapter 4, Article I, Section 4-32, "Classes,"  
37 by adding a new Class B-3 thereto and Section 4-35, "Maximum Number," of  
38 Chapter 4, Article II, "Licenses," of the Olympia Fields Village Code –**

39 Administrator Mekarski stated that this Ordinance is drafted for the Board's consideration  
40 at an upcoming Board Meeting. Walgreens notified the Village that nationwide they  
41 would once again be selling wine and beer in their stores. Walgreens has requested a  
42 Liquor License for the Lincoln Highway Store and the Vollmer Avenue Store. In the  
43 Board Packet is a letter from the attorney representing Walgreens regarding the Liquor  
44 License. Walgreens will work with the police department and will have extra security  
45 measures including camera surveillance. President Jones, who is also the Liquor  
46 Commissioner, asked that the matter be placed on the agenda for discussion.

1 President Jones stated that this is a sign of the times. He stated that Walgreens, CVS, and  
2 gas stations are all convenience stores. They want to make sure that they are competitive.  
3 President Jones asked Chief Chudwin to go over to both of the Walgreens and review  
4 their security procedures. The Village is going to ask that they install cameras that  
5 effectively monitor the entryway to their stores as part of the Village's consideration in  
6 this matter. He stated that CVS and Jewel has cameras that monitor the exterior of their  
7 stores. He stated that for at least a decade Walgreens has been liquor free. The matter will  
8 be brought back before the Board for formal action at the next Board Meeting.

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10 Trustee Gibson inquired as to what the basic difference is between a "B-2" and "B-3  
11 Classification." Administrator Mekarski stated that B-2 is customarily used at  
12 convenience stores like the Speedway. He stated that they could have used that license,  
13 but if you look at the Ordinance, it requires the beer and wine to be contained in a locked  
14 cooler. Walgreens would like to have part of the beer in a cooler. They would like to have  
15 their wine on a regular display just like the CVS. The Village wanted the same restricted  
16 hours for the sale of liquor at the Walgreens just like at the CVS. So rather than trying to  
17 fit that into one of the existing Ordinances, the Village Attorney suggested creating a new  
18 Classification of B-3, which would allow wine and beer only, with the restricted hours for  
19 the sale of liquor just like CVS, and provide the customary storage just like CVS.

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21 Trustee Gibson inquired as to what the difference is between "B-3" and "B-1." President  
22 Jones stated that B-1 is a full Liquor License, where you can sell whiskey. Trustee  
23 Gibson stated that Class "A" is a restaurant. She stated that we only have one B-2, which  
24 is Speedway. She inquired as to what Class Valero is. President Jones stated that Valero  
25 is B-2 as well. President Jones thanked Trustee Gibson for catching that. Trustee Gibson  
26 inquired as to whether or not the Village has anyone in Class "A-1" and Class "B" at this  
27 time. Administrator Mekarski stated that Class "B" is the Jewel/Osco and Bizios.  
28 President Jones stated that Class "A" was the Burgundy Bistro. President Jones asked that  
29 Karen provide a list identifying the businesses as well as their Class. Trustee Gibson  
30 stated that we have a Class "L." Administrator Mekarski stated that is a tasting. It is  
31 limited right now to Bizios. Trustee Gibson inquired of President Jones as to whether or  
32 not the Municipality sets the hours for the sale of the liquor, or whether or not the hours  
33 are set by the State. President Jones stated that the Village sets the hours. Trustee Gibson  
34 stated that for years liquor could not be sold on Sunday until after noon. President Jones  
35 stated that we changed that. He stated that people are shopping for their groceries at 10  
36 o'clock in the morning on Sunday. Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether or not we  
37 could check on the hours for the sale of liquor at the Speedway. President Jones stated  
38 that Karen would provide a list of the businesses, the Class that they are listed as, and the  
39 hours for the sale of liquor for each particular business.

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41 Trustee Oliver stated that he likes the language that Walgreens has that "no single serve  
42 cans will be carried." He stated that in the south, in a lot of the stores, particularly gas  
43 stations, they have canisters in the doorway where you can purchase single cans of beer.  
44 That is always on his mind when he thinks about providing a license. President Jones  
45 stated that Trustee Oliver has raised an issue that we never really thought about that much  
46 at all. President Jones stated to Administrator Mekarski that we might want to take a look

1 at our Ordinances. He does not know where the Board is on this. He stated that we might  
2 want to put before the Board amending all of the Liquor Licenses to prohibit single serve  
3 cans. He has not seen this in any of the Village's locations.  
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5 **District 227 Superintendent Search Process** – Administrator Mekarski stated that on  
6 November 5<sup>th</sup>, members of the Board, the Education Commission, and the PTSO were at  
7 the School Board Meeting, which was set for 7:30 to support the PTSO for their Petition  
8 requesting a full, deliberative, community driven process for the Superintendent Search.  
9 The PTSO had planned a rally prior to the meeting. Unbeknownst to them, and even to  
10 the School Board Member that is on the Education Commission, the School Board had  
11 scheduled the meeting at 6:00 P.M. regarding the Superintendent Search. That earlier  
12 meeting was very poorly advertised. He stated that we did have an opportunity to provide  
13 some public comment. Administrator Mekarski stated that he read the letter from  
14 President Jones encouraging the School Board to follow a community driven process, and  
15 asking the citizens to support the PTSO's Petition. They heard some impassioned  
16 speeches from Mr. Nale and the PTSO parents. He stated that a 17 year old student who  
17 is the President of the Student Association, indicated that he was there in part not only to  
18 report on the success of the students and the student body, but that this was a learning  
19 experience for himself and other Student Representatives from Rich South and Rich East  
20 on Leadership. He stated that he did not see Leadership on this Board. He was cut off  
21 before he could even continue his speech.  
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23 **Meeting on Superintendent Search Process** – Administrator Mekarski read the  
24 following e-mail that he received today from District 227. "Please join the Board of  
25 Education for a meeting to finalize the candidate criteria that will be used in the brochure  
26 for the prospective applicants for Superintendent. The meeting will include an Open  
27 Forum for citizens. What: Special Meeting of the Board of Education to develop a  
28 brochure on the Superintendent Search. Where: Rich South Auditorium. Who: Parents,  
29 Students, and all Stakeholders. All are welcome to contribute to this process. When:  
30 November 12, 2009 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M." Administrator Mekarski stated that  
31 they are allowing one hour for the Board to deliberate with the consultant, and to listen to  
32 stakeholders and community members to finalize the process for the Superintendent  
33 Search. Administrator Mekarski stated that he had Lorraine forward an e-mail to the  
34 Board Members. One of the PTSO parents found a Superintendent Search Process, and it  
35 was a community driven process with 200 stakeholders, and that School District  
36 complimented the community for finding one of the finest candidates. That e-mail was  
37 put out as a demonstration that this can be done. Administrator Mekarski stated those in  
38 attendance at the School Board Meeting were informed that the District may not require  
39 the new Superintendent to have a Ph.D. They may only prefer that the Superintendent  
40 have a Ph.D.  
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42 **Community Forum at Rich Central High School regarding PSAE/ACT Test Scores -**  
43 Administrator Mekarski stated that President Jones would be preparing a letter that will  
44 go out in the mail on Wednesday regarding the Community Forum, and encouraging the  
45 citizens to get involved. On November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M., a Community Forum will be  
46 held at Rich Central High School to discuss the PSAE/ACT Test Scores. There is a

1 practice going on where 40% of the juniors are not being tested. 40.1% of the students are  
2 meeting or exceeding the State's Minimum Standard, while the State's average is at 75%.  
3 The Education Commission and the Board of Trustees requested that the School Board  
4 hold a Community Forum regarding the PSAT/ACT Test Scores.

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6 Dr. Gibson stated that the student that addressed the School Board Members stated that  
7 he had reported very positively on the things that they are doing as students. He stated  
8 that he has listened to all of you as Board Members, and certainly you are suppose to set  
9 some type of example. He inquired as to what he was suppose to say to the students when  
10 the Board is not in tune with themselves. He stated that they are here bickering. They are  
11 not getting things done. They are wasting everybody's time, and certainly the students'  
12 time. He inquired as to whether or not this was going to carry over into the classroom. Dr.  
13 Gibson stated that the student was cut off and told that they didn't want to listen to it  
14 anymore. Dr. Gibson stated that the most salient point was that the Chairman of the  
15 Board of Education of District 227 stated, "There are only a few of you in the District  
16 who are dissatisfied with the schools in our District. The majority of the citizens in  
17 District 227 are very pleased with their high schools." Dr. Gibson stated that was very,  
18 very frustrating. He stated that the School Board is very disorganized. The School Board  
19 President stated that the consulting agency was the best in the country. They are  
20 recognized country wide in the United States, but also internationally. They are not about  
21 to change consultants. The Petition submitted by the PTSO asked the Illinois Association  
22 of School Boards to bring in another consultant.

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24 **Veterans Day** – Administrator Mekarski thanked the Board on behalf of the Village  
25 Employees for closing Village Hall on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans  
26 Day.

### 27 28 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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30 **Arcadia Blue Ribbon School Celebration** – President Jones stated that we had a  
31 wonderful time on Sunday at Governors State University celebrating Arcadia School  
32 being selected by the Federal Government as a Blue Ribbon School. Governor Quinn was  
33 in attendance and made some remarks. Jesse White, the Secretary of State was in  
34 attendance and made some remarks. State Representative Al Riley was in attendance.  
35 There were three or four Mayors that made comments including President Jones.  
36 President Jones stated that District 162 has a great School Board and a great  
37 Superintendent. He stated that the Principal and the Staff at Arcadia are outstanding. He  
38 stated that the kids were in attendance. He stated that the whole program was very  
39 uplifting. Trustees Nale, Oliver and Gibson were in attendance. Administrator Mekarski  
40 was there.

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42 Trustee Gibson stated that she didn't see anyone from District 227. President Jones stated  
43 that this is one of their feeder schools. He stated that District 227 should be proud to bask  
44 in the success of the Arcadia School. He stated that no one from the School Board, or the  
45 Administration from District 227 were in attendance. Administrator Mekarski stated that  
46 Dr. Mansfield, the Superintendent from Homewood-Flossmoor was in attendance.

1 **St. James Event - Franciscan Pillar Service Award** – President Jones stated that he and  
2 Mrs. Jones were honored at the St. James event with the Franciscan Pillar Service Award.  
3 He stated that they had a great time at the event.  
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5 **Joint Review Board** – President Jones stated that on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. the  
6 Joint Review Board would convene in connection with the TIF Process. President Jones  
7 appointed Willett Hudson as the community representative on the Board. He invited any  
8 of the Trustees to attend. The Trustees would be attending as citizens. Administrator  
9 Mekarski will be in attendance. Trustee Gibson stated that she is available. Trustee  
10 Pennington stated that he would probably be there. Administrator Mekarski stated that  
11 every Taxing District has been requested to sit on the Joint Review Board. This includes  
12 the Mosquito District, the MWRD, District 227, District 162, and Prairie State College.  
13 There is no quorum. The responsibility of the Joint Review Board is to review the  
14 Redevelopment Plan, which was passed to the Board at the last meeting. Michael  
15 Hoffman will be making that presentation. The Board of Trustees will be holding a  
16 Public Hearing on December 14<sup>th</sup>. President Jones stated that the Joint Review Board has  
17 no veto authority. They can recommend it, or not recommend it. The Board of Trustees  
18 will, ultimately, decide that we move forward on this project.  
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20 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
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22 **Shoulder Repair and Curbing on 207<sup>th</sup> and Spartan Way and Parthenon Way and**  
23 **Spartan Way** – Trustee Nale inquired of President Jones as to whether or not there has  
24 been any decision in the request for shoulder repair on 207<sup>th</sup> and Spartan. President Jones  
25 stated that is a good point. He shares Trustee Nale's concerns. He stated that we have  
26 been sort of negotiating with the School Bus Company. President Jones had directed  
27 Administrator Mekarski to conclude those conversations with the bus company. He stated  
28 that if the School District pays half and the Village pays half, perhaps it could be done  
29 this fall. If we missed the construction season because of the weather, then it will be done  
30 in the spring. He stated that this has taken way too long. We have been way too patient  
31 with the bus company. Trustee Nale stated that there is quite an empty pit on the  
32 southeast corner of Sparta. There is quite a chunk of roadway that is not there. President  
33 Jones inquired as to whether or not that had been reported to Public Works. Trustee Nale  
34 stated that she thought she had reported it at the last meeting. Trustee Oliver stated that  
35 we would attend to it.  
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37 **NEW BUSINESS:**  
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39 The Board did not have any new business to discuss.  
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41 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**  
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43 President Jones stated that he did not have any Resignations or Appointments.  
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