

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on November 10, 2008**

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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 10, 2008,
6 at the Olympia Fields Village Hall and was called to order by President Jones at 7:30
7 P.M. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll.

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9 Present: Trustees – Gibson, Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington, Nale, and Meyers-Martin
10 President Linzey Jones
11 Village Clerk – Judi Kay Rangel
12 Village Administrator – David Mekariski
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14 Absent: None

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16 **MINUTES:**

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18 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to approve the Minutes of**
19 **October 27, 2008, as presented.**

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

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22 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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24 President Jones stated the Bills for Approval total \$135,501.96. Out of that amount,
25 \$95,000.00 goes to the Village of Matteson for the Fire Contract. Trustee Ormsby
26 inquired about the bill for Fabrie Construction for driveway repairs listed under Public
27 Works on the Bills for Approval. Trustee Oliver stated this is something he wanted to
28 speak to Mr. Alexa about. President Jones was curious why the Village was paying for
29 this. It is for repairs to the driveway at 807 Exmoor. President Jones stated he was going
30 to remove it from the bills for payment, since the Board did not have an explanation as to
31 why the Village had to pay for the repairs to a driveway. President Jones stated the total
32 amount of the Bills for Approval is \$132,466.96.
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34 Trustee Gibson stated under Public Works, the following items are listed on pages 2 and
35 3: Flowers Unlimited, \$30.00, Home Depot, \$34.16, and Monarch Auto Supply, \$82.59.
36 Trustee Gibson was wondering why they were listed on both pages. She was inquiring as
37 to whether or not that was a duplicate, or if it is just the way they are listed to show they
38 are being distributed and from what account. President Jones stated there were two family
39 members that passed away in the Public Works Department. The \$30.00 to Flowers
40 Unlimited, which is repeated twice, is the same charge relating to the death of one family
41 member. President Jones is going to ask Cindy Saenz to provide the Board with a Memo
42 explaining this.
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44 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Pennington to approve the payment**
45 **of bills for November 10, 2008, in the total amount of \$132,466.96.**

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

1 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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3 President Jones opened up Communications and Petitions at 7:36 P.M – **Public Art**
4 **Project – Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce** – Lauren Alspaugh, Executive
5 Director of the Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce thanked the Board for allowing her
6 and Mr. Rangel to speak to the Board. Ms. Alspaugh stated the Matteson Area Chamber
7 of Commerce has had an initiative with the Tall Grass Arts Association for some time
8 now to do a Public Art Project. Public Art means original works of art that are accessible
9 to the public which may possess functional, as well as aesthetic qualities that typically
10 reflect an awareness of its site, both physically and socially. They feel this particular
11 project will do the following: 1. Generate personal inspiration and reflection. 2. Enliven
12 our public spaces. 3. Create new avenues and audiences for public art. 4. Spark
13 conversation among viewers. 5. Bring customers to places of business by increasing foot
14 traffic. 6. Offer collaborative marketing at a reasonable cost. 7. Educate the children in
15 our communities about the rich history, and provide them with an opportunity to
16 contribute to the project. 8. And bring people to our communities and promote tourism.

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18 Ms. Alspaugh met with John Rangel within two weeks of her being hired as Executive
19 Director to discuss this project. She believes this project will benefit the Villages,
20 Businesses, Service Organizations, and School Districts, and it will be a great fundraiser
21 for the Chamber and for Tall Grass. She is asking for the Village's support. With the
22 funds that are raised, the Chamber will be able to offer new programs and benefits to the
23 members. Tall Grass will be able to offer additional art programs to children that live in
24 the communities. Ms. Alspaugh passed out additional information to the Board.

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26 Mr. John Rangel stated two years ago, Lansing had a project involving airplanes. The
27 reason they selected the airplane is because in Lansing there is a hanger that was built by
28 Ford in the late '20s. The tri-motor airplane was built in that area. There was a fundraiser
29 in Lansing to fix the hanger. They had approximately 70 airplanes designed that were
30 sold to businesses, and artists decorated them. The airplanes were then displayed in front
31 of the businesses and Village Hall. It was a very successful project. They raised
32 \$70,000.00 net on the project.

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34 Mr. Rangel stated the project for discussion tonight involves locomotives. The idea for
35 this first began in 2006. Because of the rich railroad history in the area, they felt steam
36 locomotives would be a good project. A replica of the steam locomotive that they hope to
37 sell to businesses and to Villages that cover the Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce
38 was passed around for the Board to view. Pat Moore did the artwork on the replica. The
39 locomotive model they are hoping to produce would be five feet long, approximately 30
40 and a half inches wide, and 36 inches high. It will sit on the ground and it is made out of
41 fiberglass. It will weigh 100 pounds. A minimum of 20 large locomotives is required
42 before the manufacturer will produce them. The manufacturer will produce any number
43 of the smaller ones, like the replica. The Village of Matteson has signed up to purchase a
44 large locomotive. They will be speaking to the Villages of Richton Park and University
45 Park. The cost for a large locomotive is \$1,250.00. It will be up to the buyer to have an
46 artist or high school student decorate the locomotive based on the guidelines. You cannot

1 put logos, slogans, or any wording on the locomotives. You cannot hang things on it.
2 There are artists available through Tall Grass to decorate the locomotives. It is up to the
3 buyer to negotiate a deal with that artist. They are hoping to reach the goal of 20 orders
4 by December 1, 2008. It takes 60 to 90 days to manufacture the locomotives. The goal is
5 to have the locomotives displayed by the summertime.

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7 Ms. Alspaugh stated the cost does not mean the business owns it. You lease it for
8 \$1,250.00. You can buy it outright. After they have been displayed, they would be
9 auctioned off. The money raised from the auction would go to the Chamber and to Tall
10 Grass.

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12 President Jones stated according to the paperwork that was passed out, the sponsorship is
13 \$1,250.00. If you want to own the locomotive it will cost \$1,600.00, plus the cost of the
14 artwork.

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16 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether or not they approached Homewood and
17 Flossmoor who have a downtown area. She feels it is important to connect with them as
18 well. Ms. Alspaugh stated she has no opposition to speaking with them. It has not come
19 up in their meetings, but they will discuss it.

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21 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to why they are just coming to the Board now when they
22 knew about this in September. Ms. Alspaugh stated that Janet Ruth with Tall Grass, was
23 very active in the project and she moved away and the project kind of stopped.

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25 Trustee Pennington inquired as to whether or not they are just presenting the project to
26 the Municipalities at this point in time, or whether or not they have presented it to
27 businesses. Ms. Alspaugh stated they had an unveiling at Harris Bank in September. A lot
28 of people know about the project, but some people have stated they can't afford it right
29 now. She stated they are thinking about hiring somebody to go out and try to sell them to
30 the businesses, because the members of the Chamber have full-time jobs. Trustee
31 Pennington inquired as to whether or not that would drive the price up. Ms. Alspaugh
32 stated it would not.

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34 Mr. Rangel stated when the project was first discussed it was limited to the five
35 communities; because that is the area they wanted to focus on. He stated you could
36 expand it to Blue Island. They felt by expanding it, it would become a regional project
37 rather than a local project.

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39 Trustee Ormsby stated the project in Lansing was localized in a busy area. Ms. Alspaugh
40 stated they did one in Tinley Park as well. She stated she and Mr. Rangel would go back
41 to the committee and discuss expanding it to include Homewood, Flossmoor and
42 Glenwood. Mr. Rangel stated by expanding the project it may generate more volunteers.

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44 President Jones inquired as to the security involved so the locomotive doesn't disappear.
45 Ms. Alspaugh stated a hole could be placed in one of the wheels and it could be chained
46 to a post. That is something that is being discussed as well.

1 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired as to what the time span would be from the time you
2 purchase a locomotive as a sponsor, and then it is auctioned off. Ms. Alspaugh stated they
3 would like to display the locomotives in the spring and auction them off at an event in the
4 fall.

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6 President Jones inquired as to how much time they are giving the artists to do the
7 artwork. Mr. Rangel stated the artwork can be done in a couple of weeks on the smaller
8 ones. President Jones stated if the Village purchased a large locomotive and wanted to
9 involve the students at the high school to do the artwork, the Village would have a
10 window of three months to have the artwork completed. The Village would have the
11 student population available to the end of May. Mr. Rangel stated the locomotives would
12 be ready for distribution in March. Ms. Alspaugh stated it depends how long it takes to
13 sell 20 of them. Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether or not they thought about pushing
14 this back a year in order to give them time to get everybody on board. Trustee Ormsby
15 would really like them to contact the other communities to be a part of this. President
16 Jones understands where Trustee Ormsby is coming from as far as having the other
17 communities participating in the project. He feels that is a decision that has to be made by
18 the organization.

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20 President Jones stated the question is whether or not the Board wants to support this
21 project. He would like to have a long-term public arts strategy in the Village. He
22 previously mentioned his conversations with the folks at Governors State University and
23 working with them. President Jones stated this project has multiple benefits. He stated if
24 the Board wants to support this, the money does not have to come out of the taxpayers'
25 money. The Village has funds. It could come out of the Golf Outing Fund. He stated this
26 is not a money decision it is a philosophical decision.

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28 Mr. Rangel stated one of the reasons they decided to do this other than for fundraising,
29 was to create a sense of unity among the communities. Ms. Alspaugh stated as Executive
30 Director she is more concerned with the unity of the five communities than she is with
31 money. She wants to bring people together. They will be applying for a Grant from the
32 Visitors and Convention Bureau to do a four-color brochure with pictures of each train
33 that is created. The brochures will be at rest stops, museums downtown and other places,
34 in order to get people to come out to see the locomotives. The Chamber is creating a new
35 Website and there will be a page on the Website devoted to the locomotives.

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37 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to who the review committee is that would be looking at the
38 concepts by the artists. Ms. Alspaugh stated there are five or six people on the committee.
39 Some are from Tall Grass. They are looking for more people to be a part of it. Trustee
40 Ormsby inquired that if the Village agreed to do this, would they own the locomotive.
41 President Jones stated if the Village pays the \$1,600.00 it would own it. Ms. Alspaugh
42 stated once the locomotive is given to the Village, it is up to the Village to hire an artist to
43 paint it. There would be guidelines that must be followed.

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45 President Jones stated the Board could take action on this if they want to. There is no
46 money decision involved.

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the**
2 **sponsorship of the Locomotive Public Art Project by the Village of Olympia Fields**
3 **in connection with the Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce, payment for such**
4 **sponsorship to come from the Golf Outing.**

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

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7 President Jones stated you have one sponsor. Ms. Alspaugh and Mr. Rangel thanked the
8 Board. President Jones thanked them for coming in and giving the Village the
9 opportunity to participate in the project.

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11 **Moss Variances** - Mr. Percy Moss stated he was here to humbly apologize for things that
12 happened. He thought he was doing right, but it turned out to be wrong. President Jones
13 reminded the Board that Mr. Moss was referring to the Variances considered by the
14 Board for 800 Exmoor. Mr. Moss stated it was for a tool shed and authorization to place
15 fill on the embankment in the swale. Mr. Moss stated they had inadvertently done this not
16 knowing they needed permission from the Village to do it. Mr. Moss stated when Mr.
17 Peterson, and Trustees Pennington and Gibson came out to his house to view the site he
18 misunderstood the conversation. He thought he had permission to build the tool shed and
19 the patio. Later he found out he was suppose to come back to the Board to hear the
20 findings. He was under the impression; he would receive a phone call or something in
21 writing telling him to come in because the Board decided to grant his requests. He
22 promised that error will never occur again. He went on to say that the specific guidelines
23 given to him by the Village will be followed to the letter. He is asking the Village to
24 grant him permission to add fill to the swale to protect the north side of the building, and
25 to build the tool shed.

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27 President Jones stated the Board voted unanimously on the Motions. Each matter was
28 taken up separately at the Board Meeting last week. President Jones stated it would
29 require two members of the Board to make a Motion for reconsideration on each of those
30 Motions, and there would need to be a second on the Motions. If there were Motions to
31 reconsider, and a second on the Motions, and if the majority of the Board voted favorably
32 on the Motions, then the Board would be in a position to reconsider those matters.
33 President Jones stated he was not going to take this matter up at this time as far as any
34 Motions.

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36 Trustee Gibson stated the Board has an entire packet of information from earlier this
37 year. She felt the information in the packet was quite clear on what was to happen. There
38 was to be a pre-inspection of the foundation for the building. Baxter & Woodman, the
39 Village Engineers, wanted a Drainage Study done. Trustee Gibson is concerned with the
40 possibility of having additional drainage problems, or flooding problems down the road
41 without having the professionals look into this. She stated Mr. Peterson was well aware
42 of what Mr. Moss wanted back in July and August in regard to the tool shed, the patio,
43 the swale, and the house that was to be built. And Mr. Peterson explained to him what
44 was necessary. Trustee Gibson believes it was out of line for Mr. Moss to go ahead and
45 start building without the pre-inspection. She is wondering why the \$1800 check was
46 returned to Mr. Moss rather than proceeding with the Drainage Study.

1 President Jones stated the Board never got to the issue of the \$1800 check because the
2 Board decided not to grant the Variance at all, and therefore, the engineering issue was
3 moot. He went on to state if the Variance had been granted, Administration would have
4 requested that the Variance be granted upon the receipt of the \$1800 check, and having
5 the Drainage Study conducted, and then having the results of the Drainage Study being in
6 support of what Mr. Moss wanted to do with the property. President Jones stated this will
7 not get off the ground procedurally, unless there are two members of the Board that wish
8 to make a Motion and a second to reconsider these matters. President Jones stated that
9 could be done later on this evening when the Board gets to Unfinished Business on the
10 agenda. He told Mr. Moss to stick around. There were other members of the public
11 present, but they did not wish to address the Board. President Jones closed
12 Communications and Petitions at 8:19 P.M.

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14 **FINANCE:**

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16 Trustee Pennington stated he did not have a formal report this evening. President Jones
17 inquired of Trustee Pennington as to when the Board could expect the audit findings.
18 Trustee Pennington stated it was his understanding that would be done at the meeting
19 tonight. There was an issue as to the finalization of the MD&A Report. That has not been
20 totally reviewed by Sikich & Gardner. Trustee Pennington will contact Cindy Saenz
21 tomorrow to reschedule Mr. LeFevre's presentation. President Jones would like Mr.
22 LeFevre to make his presentation at the Board Meeting on November 24, 2008.

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24 **BUILDING:**

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26 Trustee Ormsby stated she did not have a formal report this evening. President Jones
27 inquired as to the status of the trees. Trustee Ormsby stated the Beautification Committee
28 met with the landscaper last week. The landscaper will be planting the Kentucky Coffee
29 Trees this week. President Jones inquired as to whether or not the trees are under
30 warranty and Trustee Ormsby stated they are.

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32 **PLANNING:**

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

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36 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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38 Trustee Oliver stated he did not have a formal report this evening.

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40 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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42 Trustee Nale stated she did not have a formal report this evening.

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1 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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3 **Election Day** - Trustee Meyers-Martin stated she did not have a formal report this
4 evening. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated she wanted to mention that on Election Night the
5 Village of Olympia Fields had become the Command Center for Public Safety. They had
6 been asked by the City of Chicago to assist with any problems that may arise as a result
7 of the rally in Grant Park. There were no incidents. There were over 90 Municipalities
8 participating in the Command Center and 200 police officers. Fortunately, no police
9 officers had to be sent out to respond to any incidents. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated we
10 are very proud of Chief Chudwin.

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12 Trustee Oliver stated at the last meeting, Trustee Meyers-Martin stated Chief Chudwin
13 was a little concerned about the people coming to vote and being in line when the polls
14 closed, due to the large turnout that was expected. Trustee Oliver inquired of Trustee
15 Meyers-Martin as to whether or not there were any incidents regarding that. Trustee
16 Meyers-Martin stated the County took over the responsibility of the procedures as to
17 what would happen as a result of people being in line when the polls closed. The police
18 department did not have to address that issue.

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20 President Jones stated Administrator Mekarski and Judi Rangel, the Village Clerk, were
21 both very active on Election Day, as well as the police department on monitoring the
22 voting locations. President Jones stated the Village went out of its way to look after the
23 Judges. The Village fed them. President Jones stated there were long lines at various
24 times of the day, but it was very orderly. It was quiet in the evening.

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26 Judi Rangel, the Village Clerk, stated it was fantastic. About three times that morning it
27 was busy. She stated it was fantastic to be there.

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29 Administrator Mekarski stated the Village had record numbers of early voters in many of
30 the precincts. There were record numbers of voters in the morning. Administrator
31 Mekarski stayed until after the polls closed, and there were no standing lines at the
32 precincts that would have caused any problems for residents coming after the 7 o'clock
33 deadline to vote.

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35 **Speed on 207th Street** – Trustee Ormsby stated the speeding situation on 207th Street has
36 improved. She spoke with a resident who was very pleased to see the police pulling
37 people over for speeding on 207th Street. The resident told Trustee Ormsby that she has
38 always lived in fear of crossing 207th Street and it is wonderful to see the police pulling
39 people over for speeding. Trustee Ormsby wanted to thank Chief Chudwin on behalf of
40 herself and the residents on 207th Street. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated she would relay
41 their thanks to Chief Chudwin.

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43 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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45 **Ordinance #2008-13** – Administrator Mekarski stated his first item of business is
46 Ordinance #2008-13 – An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 21, Article

1 III, "Sewers and Sewage Disposal," of the Olympia Fields Village Code. This is on
2 Second Reading. In the Board Packet is a detailed Memorandum from October 27, 2008.
3 Administrator Mekarski stated the various changes in the Ordinance that were proposed
4 by the Administration through the direction of legal counsel, were discussed in detail at
5 the last Board Meeting.

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7 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve on Second**
8 **Reading proposed Ordinance #2008-13.**

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

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11 **Ordinance #2008-14** – Administrator Mekarski stated the next item is Ordinance #2008-
12 14 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Olympia Fields Village Code by Adding a
13 Section 6-15, "Dumpsters and Personal Storage Containers." This is on Second Reading.
14 Administrator Mekarski stated this was a request from the residents at the annual
15 Homeowners Associations Meeting. Administrator Mekarski stated this was discussed in
16 detail at the last Board Meeting.

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18 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve on Second Reading**
19 **proposed Ordinance #2008-14.**

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

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22 **Update on Zoning Violation – The Village of Olympia Fields vs. Shin** – Administrator
23 Mekarski stated this pertains to the house on Danube that was partitioned into a boarding
24 house. Initially, the Judge had ruled against the Village's Motions. Later, the Judge
25 vacated her Order and ruled in favor of the Village. In the Board Packet is a copy of the
26 Order entered by Judge Loretta Eadie-Daniels, along with a brief on the Status
27 Conference held following that Order. The Order entered on October 28th denying the
28 Plaintiff's Complaint was vacated. The Court entered an Order for a preliminary and
29 permanent injunction enjoining the Defendant from operating the Danube House for
30 anything other than a single-family residence. No additional rental leases are to be
31 executed. At the Status Hearing on November 6th, the Judge ordered that all tenant
32 occupants must vacate the premises by December 6th. If this does not occur, the
33 Defendant will be fined \$100.00 per day. The Defendant was given 28 days to answer
34 Count II, which seeks fines. Another Status Hearing is scheduled for December 10th at
35 10:00 A.M.

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37 President Jones stated the Village is unhappy with this property owner. He is happy that
38 the residents, who live in the immediate vicinity of this property, reported this to the
39 Village in September. Once the Village was able to ascertain who the property owner
40 was, Court action was initiated in October. He feels this is a compliment to the Building
41 Department and to John Murphey, the Village Attorney, for putting a stop to this
42 behavior as soon as the Village became aware of it. The Village will continue to seek
43 fines and try to recover some of its attorney's fees in this matter. The Village will take
44 action to put a stop to it, and the Village would seek maximum fines. President Jones
45 stated it is reprehensible what this property owner has done. This home was broken up
46 into five or six individual rooms and occupied with individual leases. It was a rooming

1 house. President Jones asked if any residents see any of this behavior in the Village, to
2 please notify the Village. President Jones stated this behavior would not be tolerated in
3 the Village.

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5 **FEMA Update – September Flooding** – Administrator Mekarski stated the next item is
6 an update on the Emergency Declaration that was made for the communities that were
7 flooded in September. In the Board Packet is correspondence from the Cook County
8 Emergency Management Agency. Administrator Mekarski stated 78 homes applied for
9 FEMA assistance within our jurisdiction. FEMA is asking the Villages to seek out the 78
10 homeowners that were affected by the flooding, and encouraging them to get a furnace
11 inspection before the winter season. FEMA will not release the addresses of those homes
12 in order to protect their privacy. Notices will be posted on the Village's Website and on
13 Channel 4. Administrator Mekarski stated if anyone knows of any Homeowners
14 Associations who may have citizens who have been flooded, they should forward that
15 information to Administrator Mekarski, and he will see that the police department or
16 Public Works notifies the residents to have the furnace inspections before the winter
17 months.

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19 Trustee Oliver inquired of Administrator Mekarski whether or not FEMA would provide
20 a furnace replacement, if, after an inspection, FEMA determines the furnace needs to be
21 replaced. Administrator Mekarski stated that is a question for the FEMA inspector. He
22 stated in most instances it can be covered. It may not be covered for the full value.
23 Administrator Mekarski stated the important thing the Village is stressing, is that
24 residents should call the 800 number for a Claims Representative and have the furnace
25 inspected.

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27 **Ordinance #2008-15** – Administrator Mekarski stated Ordinance #2008-15 is an
28 Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Article V, Section 9-101 of the Olympia Fields Village
29 Code pertaining to fees for Emergency Medical Services. This is on First Reading. The
30 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus recently completed an "Economic Downturn Survey."
31 Administrator Mekarski stated many communities are looking at their fees and revenue
32 sources to maintain operations through a period of recession. Many of the communities
33 are looking at raising their ambulance fees. The Village of Olympia Fields has not raised
34 the ambulance fees since the current fees were enacted into Ordinance on July 28, 2003.
35 Administration is recommending the fees be increased by 15%. Administrator Mekarski
36 stated this matter is up for discussion this evening. It will be set for adoption on
37 November 24, 2008.

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39 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby, to approve on First**
40 **Reading proposed Ordinance #2008-15.**

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42 President Jones stated this is before the Board, in part, as a result of the analysis of the
43 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, but primarily, because it has been five years. This amounts
44 to a modest 3% a year increase. This largely impacts nonresidents. President Jones stated
45 the Village is incurring increasing costs as a result of The Park. Every time there is an
46 issue at The Park, there is additional fire and ambulance activities there. This is impacting

1 the Village's Fire Services Contract, in terms of the Village of Matteson's attitude about
2 the costs they are incurring under that contract. The Village has to build up additional
3 revenue for when that contract is up for renewal in a few years. Insurance companies
4 largely cover this expense.

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6 Trustee Nale inquired as to whether or not this increase is covered by an individual's
7 insurance. President Jones stated most of it is. He is not going to say it is covered 100%
8 because everyone has different insurance. Trustee Oliver inquired as to whether or not
9 this is the first time the Village charged for mileage. President Jones stated it is not. There
10 are no new rates involved. Trustee Pennington stated, generally, rates like this are
11 increased yearly, and a 3% rate increase is minimal.

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

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14 **Ordinance #2008-16** – Administrator Mekarski stated this is an Ordinance amending
15 Section 4-9(2.1), "Hours of Sale," of Chapter 4, Article I of the Olympia Fields Village
16 Code Change in Sunday Liquor Selling Hours. In the Board Packet is correspondence
17 from Jewel-Osco. Administrator Mekarski stated Jewel-Osco is asking the Board to
18 change the liquor sale hours from 12 noon on Sunday to 10:00 A.M. on Sunday. The
19 number one shopping day is on Sunday. After discussing it with the Village's Liquor
20 Commissioner, President Jones, a suggestion was made to modify this by Ordinance. The
21 B-1 Liquor Section only pertains to the full-scale grocery stores that provide liquor, beer
22 and wine. This Ordinance would change the B-1 Liquor Licenses in the Village. This
23 does not include the Speedway locations.

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25 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve**
26 **Ordinance #2008-16 on First Reading.**

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28 President Jones stated it is an inconvenience to the people that shop on Sunday. The
29 grocery stores have to be competitive. President Jones stated Chief Chudwin did not have
30 any concerns about this.

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32 Trustee Ormsby does not have an objection to the Ordinance. She does have issues with
33 Jewel-Osco for not being at the standard the Village wants in Olympia Fields. She would
34 like them to clean up their store and make it more presentable. President Jones suggested
35 a meeting with Administrator Mekarski and one or two Trustees, along with the local and
36 regional leadership of Jewel-Osco. President Jones stated this is a small store and an old
37 store. President Jones stated the Village is looking at its broader economic strategy to see
38 if the store could be located in another building in the Village along that corridor that
39 would provide more space for the Jewel-Osco.

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41 Trustee Ormsby stated in a prior meeting with the owner of the shopping center she was
42 very vocal about all the issues she had with the store. She believes it is inexcusable the
43 way the store looks. She wants them competitive. Trustee Ormsby stated the Jewel-Osco
44 is a very big disappointment to her with them being in the Village and looking the way
45 they do. Trustee Gibson stated she, and several others have gone to the store and talked to
46 the manager. Trustee Gibson compares the Olympia Fields store to the one at 183rd and

1 Kedzie. That is in an old building also. If you compare what is in the store at 183rd and
2 Kedzie and what is in the store in Olympia Fields, it is the difference of night and day.
3 President Jones is going to have Administrator Mekarski go to the store at 183rd and
4 Kedzie and compare it to the store in Olympia Fields. He will report his findings to the
5 Board.

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

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8 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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10 President Jones stated the Village of Olympia Fields family has suffered a couple of real
11 losses in the last couple of weeks. The Village lost Louise Schweinfurth. President Jones
12 stated Louise and Roy have been real stalwarts of the community, and contributors of the
13 community for all the years they have lived here. Roy's business has always been a south
14 suburban business. Louise was involved with the Good Shepard Center for Exceptional
15 Children. There is a Memorial Service for Louise on Saturday, November 22, 2008, at
16 11:00 A.M. at the Flossmoor Community Church.

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18 President Jones stated on November 8, 2008, William Brazley, a man who is known not
19 only in the Village, and the south suburbs, and in Chicago, and throughout the United
20 States passed away. He was a nationally recognized architect. He has lived in our
21 community for many, many years. He just finished building the addition to Rich Central
22 High School, as well as some of the other facilities in District 227. Mr. Brazley grew up
23 in Harvey. President Jones does not have details on the funeral. He believes it will be this
24 Saturday at a church in Harvey. As soon as the details of the funeral are known, they will
25 be e-mailed to the Trustees and staff.

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27 **NIMS Training** - President Jones stated the NIMS Training is this Saturday morning
28 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association.
29 Trustees Gibson, Ormsby, Nale and Meyers-Martin have signed up for this along with
30 President Jones. Their attendance at the NIMS Training may depend on whether or not
31 there is a conflict with the funeral for Mr. Brazley. Trustee Pennington stated the NIMS
32 Training could be done online.

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34 President Jones stated the NIMS Training is in regard to the Village's qualification under
35 State Law for certain benefits, because the Administration and Board is trained under the
36 Homeland Security strategies.

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38 **Election of a New President** – President Jones stated he has known President-elect
39 Obama since 1989 when President-elect Obama was a law student. President Jones
40 worked on his campaigns over the years, including this last one. President Jones stated
41 this is a watershed event in the history of this country, and the history of this world, and
42 are all lucky to be living in this time to witness these historic events. President Jones
43 believes all we can do is wish the Obamas well, and to lead us with judgment, humility,
44 and foresight, to take us through these difficult times.

1 **Illinois American Planning Association 2008 Award** – President Jones stated that
2 Administrator Mekarski represented the Village at the Illinois American Planning
3 Association, Illinois Chapter 2008 Awards Program. The Village was competing with
4 towns such as Naperville, Park Ridge, Urbana, Evanston, Oak Park, and Peoria. The
5 Village received a Silver Award for a special community initiative for the Village's Retail
6 Business Assessment Marketing Strategy and Site Development Action Plan. The plaque
7 will be displayed on the wall in the meeting room. The plaque recognizes the Village as
8 well as the Village Planners, Teska & Associates, and BDI. This is for the plan to help
9 the development community work on all the shopping centers, but primarily, Olympia
10 Square, Olympia Corners and what was the Harold Motors site. (There was a round of
11 applause for the Village receiving this award).

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13 Administrator Mekarski believes this is an honor for the Board, the Village President, and
14 the entire community. Administrator Mekarski stated there were 12 communities in the
15 State of Illinois that the Village was competing against. Many of the communities were
16 above the Village's budget. Administrator Mekarski stated the plan is well received in the
17 Economic Development Community and the Retail Brokerage Community. He has
18 received comments from developers stating they wish other communities had this as well.

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20 **Steering Committee** - Trustee Gibson inquired of Administrator Mekarski as to when
21 the Steering Committee will be meeting. He stated there is a meeting set on November
22 13, 2008, at the Olympia Fields Village Hall. Trustees Ormsby and Gibson will attend
23 that meeting. Administrator Mekarski will notify them of the time.

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25 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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27 **Moss Variances** - President Jones inquired as to whether or not a Board Member wanted
28 to make a Motion to reconsider either one of the matters that the Board took up at the last
29 meeting in connection with the Moss property at 800 Exmoor.

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31 Trustee Pennington stated he was at the Moss residence, and he saw where the proposed
32 shed was going to be erected. Given the size and style of the proposed shed, it seemed to
33 fit that area. He stated it is further complicated because Mr. Moss has already constructed
34 part of the shed. President Jones stated he has probably been cited for constructing it.

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36 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to reconsider the prior**
37 **decision of the Board on the matter of the shed at 800 Exmoor.**

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39 President Jones reminded the Board that an affirmative vote is a vote to allow the Board
40 to reconsider its earlier decision.

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

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43 President Jones inquired of the Board as to whether or not there was a Motion to
44 reconsider the Board's decision with respect to the drainage swale. There were no
45 Motions by the Board. President Jones stated he will put this back on the agenda for the

1 Board Meeting on November 24, 2008, at 7:30 P.M. This pertains to the shed only, not
2 the drainage swale.

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4 Trustee Gibson asked President Jones to explain to the Mosses why the matter has to be
5 continued to November 24th. President Jones stated the Board should not take formal
6 action on an item of this type without it being on the agenda. It is fine for the Board to
7 have a Motion to reconsider the matter. In order for the Board to take the matter up on the
8 merits, it has to be published on the agenda, so if anyone wants to come in to address the
9 Board regarding the matter, they may do so at that time. He suggested that Mr. Moss wait
10 until the spring to bring up the drainage matter before the Board.

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12 **Road Salt** – Trustee Nale inquired as to whether or not the Village has heard anything
13 about the increase in costs for the road salt. President Jones stated in regard to the
14 Resolution that was sent to Attorney General Madigan it is much too early to hear
15 anything. He stated the Village has already purchased road salt. Trustee Nale inquired as
16 to whether or not that price was stable. President Jones stated it is not. A month from now
17 the price could be higher or lower. President Jones stated depending on the outcome of
18 the investigation conducted by the Attorney General, the Village may get a rebate off that
19 cost.

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21 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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23 **Public Safety Committee** - Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the Public Safety Committee
24 would be meeting on November 19, 2008.

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26 **Funeral Service Information** - Trustee Ormsby asked if the Board could receive an
27 e-mail regarding the funeral service for Mr. Brazley. President Jones stated Cindy Saenz
28 would forward that information as soon as the Village is in receipt of the same.

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30 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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32 President Jones stated he did not have any Resignations or Appointments.

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34 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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36 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to adjourn at**
37 **9:05 P.M.**

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

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40 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**