

1 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Held on November 24, 2008**
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5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 24, 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 – Ormsby, Oliver, Pennington, Nale, and Meyers-Martin
10 President Linzey Jones
11 Village Administrator – David Mekariski
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13 Absent: Trustee Gibson and Village Clerk, Judi Kay Rangel
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15 President Jones stated he was going to take the following items out of order in the interest
16 of time: 1. The Variance requested by Mr. Moss. 2. The Bizios Sign Request and 3. The
17 Warrant Analysis for the Multi-way stop sign at Olympian Way and 207th Street.
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19 **Moment of Silence** - President Jones stated the Village has suffered significant losses
20 with regard to two well-known residents who volunteered a great deal of their time, and
21 contributed not only to Olympia Fields, but to the region as a whole. William Brazley and
22 Louise Schweinfurth passed away a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Brazley was a well-known,
23 nationally recognized architect for over 30 years. He just finished building the addition to
24 Rich Central High School, as well as some of the other facilities in District 227.
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26 President Jones stated Louise Schweinfurth and her husband Roy are long time
27 contributors and volunteers in the Village of Olympia Fields. Mrs. Schweinfurth was the
28 founder of the Good Shepherd Center for Exceptional Children. She devoted her life to
29 young children. President Jones stated she was a sweet woman, and he is glad that she
30 was inducted into the Village's Hall of Fame last year along with her husband. President
31 Jones stated that he looks forward to inducting Mr. Brazley and his wife Peggy into the
32 Hall of Fame in the years to come in recognition of their service, and Peggy's continued
33 service to the Village. President Jones requested a moment of silence in recognition of
34 the lives of William Brazley and Louise Schweinfurth.
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36 **Moss Variance** - President Jones stated at the last Board Meeting there was a Motion
37 that was moved and second, and passed unanimously by the Board to reconsider the
38 Board's vote denying the Variance request of the Moss Family for an accessory building
39 at 800 Exmoor. In light of that Motion to reconsider, this matter has been returned to the
40 Board Agenda and the Board is going to take it up now. President Jones stated the Moss
41 Family is here. The Board did not have any questions.
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43 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the Variance**
44 **Request of the Mosses with respect to the accessory building at 800 Exmoor.**

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

1 President Jones stated the Building Department would be notified that the Variance has
2 been approved so they can stop issuing Citations. He told the Mosses that in the spring
3 the Board could take up the matter of the trench. Mr. Percy Moss thanked the Board on
4 behalf of his family.

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6 **Bizios Sign Request** – President Jones stated the economic downturn has had a huge
7 negative impact on all of us. Those of us that have jobs are grateful. Those of us that still
8 have money in our 401K's are grateful. And those that shop at Bizios are grateful they
9 have an excellent store there. The group of owners has invested a significant amount of
10 their resources into that store, and has provided Olympia Fields with a wonderful
11 shopping experience that is second to none anywhere in the region, or anywhere in the
12 country. It's an excellent store to shop at. In these economic times the challenges are
13 great. People are watching their dollars. When you are a new store and people don't know
14 you as well, and people are watching their dollars, they may not shop there. This is a
15 store where you can do virtually all your shopping. President Jones stated in light of
16 conversations that the Village has had with the Bizios Family, and the difficulties they
17 are having with customer patronage in these economic times, the Bizios would like the
18 Board to look at some recommendations they have in regard to marketing, and some
19 signage issues that are a little out of the ordinary for the Village, but the Board should
20 consider them because of the Village's investment along with the Bizios in this enterprise.

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22 Administrator Mekarski stated, approximately, a year ago there was a joint planning
23 session with the Plan Commission and the Board of Trustees regarding the overall façade
24 improvement plan for Bizios, which included some plans for improvements in signage.
25 The facade has been completed for the store itself. The future plaza is still yet to be
26 completed per the agreement. The plans for an electronic copy sign have been
27 temporarily postponed. Administrator Mekarski stated that Mr. Tony Bizios is present
28 here this evening. He has been working with a number of sign companies to refine the
29 conceptual plan that was brought to the Board about a year ago. It is for an electronic
30 reader board at the corner of Vollmer and Governors. It would display the name of Bizios
31 Fresh Market. It is also a Gateway Sign for the Village of Olympia Fields. Unfortunately,
32 because of the economic downturn and patronage issues that Bizios is dealing with, that
33 electronic copy sign is a few months away. In the interim, Mr. Bizios would like the
34 Board to consider permitting him to use a portable, electronic copy sign that he would
35 purchase. It would display the various sales and specials that he would have at the
36 grocery store into a frame that would be displayed at the entrance. Similar to what
37 Walgreens is doing with the electronic copy sign, but in this interim period using old
38 technology.

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40 Mr. Tony Bizios thanked the Board for allowing him to come to the meeting tonight. He
41 stated in this economic downturn they need additional help or ways to market their
42 services or products that they feature for the community. On a temporary basis, he would
43 like the Board to give him permission to display some of the specials that are featured at
44 the store. There would be a temporary, portable, electronic sign placed at the corner of
45 Vollmer and Governors Highway. It would show the specials that the store is featuring.
46 These are the same specials that are posted in the windows of the store, but they are hard

1 to see from the street. He feels this would help their business. Mr. Bizios did not have a
2 sketch of the portable, electronic sign. He would also like to have a triangle sign. He
3 provided the Board with sketches of the triangle sign. He would like the triangle sign
4 placed along the parkway on Vollmer Road and Governors Highway. Administrator
5 Mekarski stated those signs would be placed at the entrance on Vollmer and at the
6 entrance on Governors. The signs will be like the sandwich, A-frame signs for the
7 Farmers Market. Mr. Bizios would like to have two or three temporary signs at each
8 parkway.

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10 Mr. Bizios provided the Board with a sketch of the electronic message center sign that
11 would be in place in the future. President Jones stated the Board was not going to take up
12 the permanent electronic board sign this evening. President Jones suggested that the
13 Board authorize the installation of the temporary reader board and the sandwich style
14 boards, and then delegate it to the Sign Committee to review those for aesthetic purposes
15 and anything else. President Jones stated we have to maximize the visibility of this store
16 to the street. The Village doesn't want this store to fail. The owners are doing everything
17 they can do to keep it going. The Village has tried to market the store as well. These are
18 extraordinary requests. President Jones stated they would set a precedence that some
19 members of the Board will be concerned about in terms of other businesses coming to the
20 Board and making a request of these types. This is the anchor business for the shopping
21 center and for the Vollmer Road Corridor Shopping Centers, the two of them. President
22 Jones went on to state that this is an important business to the Village, not only for the
23 quality of the product line, but in terms of property tax, and sales tax to the Village of
24 Olympia Fields. There is a lot at stake here.

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26 Trustee Ormsby stated that this is the first time she is hearing about this and she has some
27 questions. She inquired of Mr. Bizios as to what kind of material the sign would be made
28 out of. He stated the sign will be made out of plywood and painted white. There will be a
29 type of canvas with the specials written on it. Trustee Ormsby stated in order for the sign
30 to be effective for the store, they would have to rotate the product. Mr. Bizios stated yes.
31 Both sides of the sign will display the same thing. It will be located at the parkway.
32 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether or not the four-foot sign would be visible enough
33 for the store. Mr. Bizios believes it will be, if it is placed four feet away from the curb in
34 the grass. Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. Bizios as to whether or not he was going to
35 continue rotating the temporary signs until the permanent sign is in place. Mr. Bizios
36 stated that is what he would like to do. Trustee Ormsby pointed out that the Ordinance
37 allows a temporary sign for 15 days, but the Village would just have to allow that to roll
38 over. President Jones stated he would ask the Board to authorize Mr. Bizios to carry this
39 through to the first Board Meeting in January, and then the Board can take stock of where
40 things are at that point in time.

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42 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to what the Board does if James & Sons or Burgundy Bistro
43 comes before the Board with the same request. President Jones stated they would have to
44 make a case to the Board, similar to what the Board knows is the case with Bizios Fresh
45 Market. He does not believe they have the same level of investment. As far as Bizios is

1 concerned, this is dealing with special circumstances. The Board has the right to pick and
2 choose whom it gives this authority to.

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4 Trustee Ormsby stated the sign couldn't flop around in the wind. It can't become tattered.
5 It needs to have the appearance of being somewhat permanent. Trustee Ormsby
6 understands the need for the signs and she agrees. Mr. Bizios stated each of the signs
7 would advertise different specials. They will look as professional as possible. Trustee
8 Ormsby expressed concern over the signs blowing into a car if it is windy out. Mr. Bizios
9 stated underneath the sign will be a 2 x 4 that will be staked to the ground and secured.
10 They will also put some weight inside to keep it down.

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12 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Bizios as to whether or not the signage will be of
13 the same type of material as the window signs in the store. He stated they would not be
14 paper. It will be like a vinyl type material.

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16 President Jones stated the big banners that he has for the golf outing are vinyl. The
17 lettering can be changed on those. He stated they are heavy. President Jones stated what
18 Mr. Bizios is planning to use will look professional.

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20 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired of Mr. Bizios as to the size of the temporary electronic
21 board. Mr. Bizios stated it would be four feet high and eight feet long. Administrator
22 Mekarski stated it is the typical modular, portable, electronic sign with changeable letters.

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24 Trustee Nale inquired of Mr. Bizios as to whether or not the letters on the temporary
25 electronic board would be flashing or a constant light. Mr. Bizios stated they would not
26 be flashing. Trustee Nale stated she understands where Mr. Bizios is coming from and at
27 this point she is in favor of it.

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29 Trustee Oliver inquired of Mr. Bizios as to whether or not there was going to be just the
30 three signs or more than three signs. Mr. Bizios stated that he would like three signs to
31 face Vollmer Road and three signs facing Governors Highway. Trustee Oliver stated
32 there would be six, A-frame signs with the same color scheme. Trustee Oliver stated he
33 understands the importance of having better signage. He is a little concerned about the
34 other businesses in that area that may want to get a sign. If they do make a case for that,
35 he wants to make sure there is additional room in that area for them to get signage as
36 well. He stated when you drive east on Vollmer Road that corner looks busy. He wants to
37 make sure it is not just overkill there. Mr. Bizios stated he is going to remove some of the
38 existing signs that are already there. He stated if some of the other businesses in Olympia
39 Square want to have signage there, he would remove some of the signs temporarily and
40 allow them to do that. Mr. Bizios stated he would consider that, so it doesn't look like a
41 junkyard.

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43 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Mr. Bizios as to the cost of the permanent, electronic sign.
44 Mr. Bizios stated the cost is \$48,000.00.

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1 Trustee Pennington believes the Board should move forward on this. He stated Bizios is
2 the anchor to that shopping center. He is in total support of the request by Bizios.

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4 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to permit emergency**
5 **signage for Bizios Fresh Market, including sandwich boards and lighted signage for**
6 **a period through January 12, 2009, and subject to a review of the signage by the**
7 **Sign Committee.**

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

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10 Mr. Bizios expressed his thanks to the Board for their support. President Jones thanked
11 the Board for their judgment in approving the Motion, and he stated the signage would
12 meet the aesthetics that is important to the Village. In the Board Packet is a letter that is
13 going out to all residents. The cost of the letter is being paid out of the Golf Outing Fund.
14 Bizios has purchased airtime for commercial spots on Comcast. Mr. Bizios has spent
15 several thousands of dollars a month for advertising in the newspapers.

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17 **Olympian Way and 207th Street Multi-Way Stop Sign Warrant Analysis –**
18 Administrator Mekarski stated a representative is here from Baxter & Woodman to do a
19 brief presentation on the Warrant Analysis. There are residents in the audience that would
20 like to ask questions. Numerous residents from the surrounding neighborhoods had
21 requested the Board to study the issue of placing multi-way stop signs on Kedzie Avenue,
22 both northbound and southbound to aid in their perception that traffic would be slowed
23 and safer for the community. Administrator Mekarski stated that in the report from
24 Trustee Meyers-Martin, there was concern expressed from the Traffic Division of the
25 police department, as well as from Chief Chudwin, as to whether that would be the
26 advisable action to take, and whether it would cause additional accidents at that location,
27 due to the sight line distance, and the slope of the roadway. The Board requested that
28 Baxter & Woodman conduct a Warrant Analysis. In the Board Packet is a copy of the
29 report from Baxter & Woodman.

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31 Tara Orbon from Baxter & Woodman stated that Baxter & Woodman was asked to
32 evaluate the intersection of 207th Street and Olympian Way to determine whether or not a
33 stop sign was warranted at the intersection. They performed traffic counts at the
34 intersection, and evaluated the intersection as outlined in the criteria of the Manual on
35 Uniform Traffic Control Devices to see whether or not a stop sign was warranted at that
36 location. They looked at the traffic volumes. They looked at the accident history. They
37 looked at the available sight distance at the intersection. Based on the criteria that are
38 outlined in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the intersection does not
39 meet the criteria set forth to meet stop sign warrants at the intersection.

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41 In answer to the question if a stop sign was installed at that intersection, would there be a
42 potential for an increase risk in accidents or overall liability to the Village, Ms. Orbon
43 stated there are three things she would like to point out. 1. In general, unwarranted stop
44 signs are generally not respected. This could increase the potential for rear-end collisions
45 if the stop sign were to be installed there. 2. If a stop sign is installed where it is not
46 warranted, it is also not enforceable. If a traffic ticket was issued and it was taken to

1 Court, the Judge may make the Village remove the installed stop sign. 3. If an accident
2 were to happen at this intersection, and the stop sign that was installed was not warranted,
3 if the accident resulted in private property or personal injury, the Village would be found
4 liable in any lawsuits.

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6 Ms. Orbon understands the concern about the sight distance there. She stated the location
7 of the stop bar on 207th Street is set pretty far back west from the street from Kedzie
8 Avenue. Baxter & Woodman would recommend adjusting the pavement marking and
9 moving it forward further to the east towards Olympian Way. That would increase driver
10 comfort and provide additional sight distance at the intersection. President Jones inquired
11 as to the cost of the pavement marking. Ms. Orbon stated it would cost a few hundred
12 dollars at the most.

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14 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to suspend the**
15 **rules to allow members of the public to ask questions.**

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

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18 Mr. Max Geldean stated that there seems to be more traffic on Scott Drive. He stated it is
19 tough to make a left turn off Olympian Way going north. It is a 60 or 70-degree turn. You
20 have very little room and people tend to cut it very short. He stated he couldn't argue with
21 their study. He will find a new way to get out on Olympian Way especially going south.
22 President Jones stated he does not see the visibility there that difficult. President Jones asked
23 Ms. Orbon to explain how the Traffic Study is conducted.

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25 Ms. Orbon stated that they placed automated traffic counters on 207th Street and on
26 Olympian Way or Kedzie. It was based on a 12-hour count from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
27 The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices outlines a minimum vehicular volume,
28 the minimum number of cars that need to be on the side street and also on the main street
29 in order to meet warrants. The engineering guidelines are very cut and dry in terms of the
30 minimum volumes that are needed. The volumes on 207th Street were not high enough.

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32 President Jones inquired of the two Trustees who live in the area and the residents in the
33 audience, if the issue was the visibility of the oncoming traffic going southbound as
34 people are trying to turn northbound onto Kedzie. Mr. Geldean stated when you look
35 south there is a pretty steep hill. It is hard to see to the right. You have to pull out and you
36 almost have to be on Kedzie to look to the left and the right. When cars are coming up
37 that hill you can't see them. President Jones asked which direction the cars are going. Mr.
38 Geldean stated when you look right to the south, if you are making a left-hand turn that is
39 when you are most exposed. He stated it is a bad spot for an intersection.

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41 Mrs. Willett Hudson stated the biggest problem is the cars that come around the corner
42 are speeding. She feels it is important to try to get the people to abide by the 30 mile per
43 hour speed limit. In the corner she believes the speed should be 25 because of the curve.
44 When they come off that curve they are going down a hill and it makes them go faster.
45 The cars are traveling south coming around the corner. The cars are to be going 25 in the
46 curve but they are not. She suggested having a study done to see how fast the cars are

1 going. She stated if a stop sign cannot be installed, then the traffic has to be slowed down.
2 There are times when it is very difficult to get out, especially when the people are coming
3 out of the train station and going north.

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5 Administrator Mekarski stated at the Board's request the Chief has been concentrating on
6 increasing patrols on Kedzie. The police conducted a Seat Belt Enforcement blitz. There
7 were more than two police vehicles there and three officers. They did speed checks and
8 registration checks. The Village is sending the message out to the community that the
9 Village is vigilant about speed and other traffic violations on Kedzie Avenue.

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11 Trustee Meyers-Martin inquired as to the time frame of the Traffic Study. Ms. Orbon
12 stated it was just for one day. She thought it was conducted on a Tuesday. Trustee
13 Ormsby stated she believes it is a difficult right and left turn. She was hopeful for the stop
14 sign, in order to incorporate that boulevard and Olympian Way into the neighborhood in
15 order to stop some of the through traffic. She is disappointed that the stop sign is not
16 warranted for that location.

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18 Trustee Oliver inquired of Ms. Orbon that since a stop sign is not warranted, would a
19 flashing yellow sign be warranted. He inquired if it would be more expensive. Ms. Orbon
20 stated changing the signing is something that could be considered; along with making
21 sure there are adequate speed signs posted and enforcement. She stated some
22 communities have the portable sign that displays your speed as you are driving by.

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24 President Jones mentioned possibly putting something in the pavement where you have
25 the rumbling sound. He stated the problem with that is the people in the houses next to
26 the street would not want to hear that. President Jones suggested that the Board work with
27 Baxter & Woodman on a package of ideas and try to plug it into the budget for next
28 spring, and look at the pros and cons of each idea and the cost issues. He suggested that
29 Mr. Geldean and some other folks sit in on the meeting as well. President Jones asked
30 Administrator Mekarski to come up with some things to think about between now and the
31 budget process in the spring.

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33 Mr. Geldean thanked the Board for the attention they paid to this matter. He agrees with
34 Mrs. Hudson that speeding is a big problem. He stated looking right along the fence is a
35 problem. He suggested having the Village employees cutting the underbrush back to the
36 fence. He said in the winter it wouldn't be too bad. He said the foliage grows and it is two
37 to four feet high and it is very hard to see. President Jones stated in the spring the Village
38 could have the pavement markings moved.

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40 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated if there is an increased effort just like there was on 207th
41 Street to reduce the speeding, and the problem with people rolling through the stop signs
42 at 203rd Street, she believes that Public Safety could increase the patrol in that area and
43 that would help. President Jones stated the overtime dollars could be used for that.

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45 Trustee Nale stated there is a problem getting out onto Kedzie at 205th Street because of
46 the speeding. She agreed with Mr. Geldean in regard to the shrubbery. She believes the

1 fence that is there and is falling down should be repaired. President Jones stated the house
2 is unoccupied and that is why the Village has the challenge of enforcement. He stated that
3 he, along with Trustee Meyers-Martin, and Administrator Mekarski, would speak to the
4 Chief about the speeding problem.

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6 **MINUTES:**

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8 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to approve the Minutes of**
9 **November 10, 2008, as presented.**

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

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12 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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14 President Jones stated the Bills for Approval total \$99,521.47. President Jones stated that
15 Cindy Saenz, the Director of Finance and Administration is present this evening if the
16 Board has any questions of her. He is aware that the Board had some questions that arose
17 at the last Board Meeting. There is a Memo in the Board Packet in regard to those
18 questions. The Board did not have any questions for Mrs. Saenz.

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20 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the payment of**
21 **bills for November 24, 2008, in the total amount of \$99,521.47.**

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

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24 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

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26 President Jones opened up Communications and Petitions at 8:24 P.M. Mrs. Willett
27 Hudson who resides at 20340 Fairfield wanted to address the Board in regard to William
28 Brazley and Louise Schweinfurth. Mrs. Hudson stated the Enhancement Organization of
29 Olympia Fields distributed \$500.00 to the Rich Township Education Foundation on
30 behalf of William Brazley. And \$500.00 was distributed to the Good Shepherd Center for
31 Exceptional Children on behalf of Louise Schweinfurth.

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33 Mrs. Hudson stated she has received phone calls from senior citizens, and they are
34 concerned that the garbage pickup company is still charging them a surcharge because of
35 the gasoline. She would like someone to look into that. Administrator Mekarski stated he
36 would be happy to look into that. There were other members of the public present, but
37 they did not wish to address the Board. President Jones closed Communications and
38 Petitions at 8:27 P.M.

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40 **FINANCE:**

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42 Trustee Pennington stated over the summer Sikich & Gardner conducted their annual
43 audit of the Village. Mr. Matt Pehle from Sikich & Gardner is present this evening.
44 Trustee Pennington also honored and acknowledged the Village's Director of Finance,
45 Cynthia Saenz and the Village's Treasurer, Carl Forn, and a valued member of the
46 Finance Committee, Mrs. Willett Hudson. Mrs. Hudson sits on the Police Pension Board

1 as well. Trustee Pennington stated these individuals play an integral part in the day-to-
2 day activities of the Village's financial structure. Trustee Pennington introduced Matt
3 Pehle. Mr. Pehle will present the 2008 Audit Presentation.
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5 **2008 Audit Presentation** - Mr. Pehle from Sikich & Gardner stated the Board should
6 have the following documents relating to the audit: 1. The Management Letter, 2. Police
7 Pension Fund Annual Report, and 3. The Village of Olympia Fields Annual Financial
8 Report. Mr. Pehle started his presentation discussing The Village of Olympia Fields
9 Annual Financial Report. The first two pages consist of the Independent Auditors Report.
10 The Village has an unqualified opinion this year, which is the highest level of opinion
11 they can give. It says, " The Village's Financial Statements are presented in accordance
12 with generally accepted accounting principles of the United States of America." He
13 congratulated the Village for that.
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15 Mr. Pehle stated the Director of Finance prepared the MD&A. This goes over the
16 numbers and the reasons for the numbers. This explains in detail what is going on in the
17 Village. On page 12 of the MD&A, Cindy Saenz mentions that the Village received a
18 AAA Bond Rating from Standard & Poor's. He stated that this is a great honor and he
19 congratulated the Village on that as well. Page 3 is the Statement of Net Assets, and in
20 conjunction with the Statement of Net Activities on pages 4 and 5 are full accrual
21 statements of the Village. These combine all the governmental and business type
22 activities of the Village together. This includes the Capital Assets and long-term debt
23 numbers. On the last line before the Total Net Assets, the Unrestricted Net Assets is the
24 number to look at. Both governmental and business type activities have positive
25 Unrestricted Net Assets.
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27 Mr. Pehle stated pages 4 and 5 are the Statement of Activities. Basically, this is the
28 income statement on a full accrual basis. The only numbers to focus on here are the
29 Change in Net Assets at the bottom of page 5. There are slight decreases here, but for the
30 most part the Village was pretty flat, essentially. There is nothing to be concerned about
31 there.
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33 Mr. Pehle stated page 6 is the summary of the Village's activity on a modified accrual
34 basis, the standard governmental accounting basis where all the governmental funds are
35 grouped together on the balance sheet. The main number to focus on for this report is the
36 Total Fund Balance on the General Fund. It is just short of \$1.5 million dollars. Page 8 is
37 the income statement related to that balance sheet. The total expenditures of the General
38 Fund in the current year were just short of \$4.5 million dollars. The fund balance in the
39 General Fund is about 33% of the expenditures, which is within a reasonable range.
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41 Mr. Pehle stated pages 10 and 11 are slightly more detailed statements for the Business
42 Type Activities. These are always reported on a full accrual basis. These are the same
43 numbers that were on the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Net Activities.
44 This is just breaking it down by the individual Water and Sewer Fund.
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1 Mr. Pehle stated page 14 is the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets, basically,
2 the Police Pension Fund and the activity that went on in that Fund. The Village has a
3 separate Police Pension Fund Report.

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5 Mr. Pehle stated page 15 begins the Notes to the Financial Statements. This gives more
6 detail and additional information on the numbers that we just went over. He stated that
7 the Board might want to look at Note 2 on Deposits and Investments on page 22. This
8 describes the Village's Investment Policy and the different types of investments that the
9 Village is currently holding. Note 5 goes into great detail on the Village's Capital Asset
10 Activity. Note 7 goes into great detail on the Long-term Debt Activity of the Village.
11 Note 10 covers the IMRF and Police Pension Retirement Plans of the Village. Trustee
12 Pennington stated it is pretty sound.

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14 Mr. Pehle stated moving on to the Police Pension Fund, which is a separate Financial
15 Report, pages 1 and 2 consist of the Independent Auditors Report. This is done in
16 conjunction with the regular audit. Due to the fact, that the Police Pension Fund is a
17 separate report there is some additional testing and an additional opinion. There is an
18 unqualified opinion on the Police Pension Fund as an individual fund. That is the highest
19 level of opinion that can be issued.

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21 Mr. Pehle stated page 4 is the Statement of Changes and Planned Net Assets. This
22 compares the 2007 and 2008 fiscal year. The two main revenue items are the Employer
23 Contributions, which is the property tax that the Village receives for the Police Pension
24 Fund and the Employee Contributions, which are the amounts that come out of the
25 officer's paychecks and are the required annual contributions. There is a net increase of
26 almost \$500,000.00. This year there was positive investment income and almost
27 \$5,000,000.00 in Net Assets at the end of the year. President Jones inquired of Mr. Pehle
28 as to what "Investment Income" means. Mr. Pehle stated it is all interest dividends and
29 realized gains from the sales of investments, and any unrealized gains on the investments
30 as of April 30, 2008. President Jones inquired of Mr. Pehle that when he looks at the
31 2007 column and the 2008 column what is it telling him. Mr. Pehle stated that the report
32 is telling him that the markets were beginning to slow down as of April 30, 2008.
33 President Jones stated that the Pension Fund made two-thirds less in income from 2007 to
34 2008. President Jones inquired as to what would tell him about the change in the asset
35 values. Mr. Pehle stated page 3 might answer his question. President Jones inquired as to
36 what would account for the difference in value for the U.S. Treasury Securities. He stated
37 that it is about a \$280,000.00 difference from year to year. Mr. Pehle stated that off the
38 top of his head, he could not tell President Jones the detail behind what was going on. He
39 stated that all of the investments that are on the Statement of Planned Net Assets are
40 market-to-market value in accordance with the generally accepted auditing principles. He
41 stated either a large Treasury Security was sold between April 30, 2007 and April 30,
42 2008, or a certain Treasury Security that the Pension Fund was in had a large swing in
43 market value. Generally, you would not see that in a Treasury Security from one year to
44 another. He would assume there was a sale.

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1 President Jones stated the Village's investments are a different mix and are more
2 conservative. They are mostly CD's and T-Bills. His concern is the lack of performance
3 of the Police Pension Fund going to result in an additional cost to the Village to fund the
4 Pension Fund. President Jones inquired as to whether or not the Village should be
5 worried about that.

6
7 Mr. Pehle stated that the Village's investments and the Police Pension Fund investments
8 are probably not doing very well right now. The Village will see more of an impact with
9 the contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, and the value of those net
10 assets decreasing. This will impact the Village employees' future retirement savings that
11 are in trust, and yes the Village will see additional costs related to that in the upcoming
12 years. As for the Police Pension Fund, the Village will see additional costs if the markets
13 don't turn around. Any adjustments will occur through the annual actuarial process.

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15 President Jones told Trustee Pennington that the Village might need to study this. He
16 asked Mr. Forn, the Village Treasurer, if he had any input regarding this matter. Mr. Forn
17 stated if the Pension Fund loses money, the Village would have to make up the
18 difference. President Jones inquired of Mr. Forn as to where the Village would find the
19 money for that. Mr. Forn said through taxes. Mr. Forn stated that Pension Funds for the
20 most part are financed through some tax revenue. In the past it was done with the
21 property tax levy. President Jones stated he is very concerned about this and the Village
22 has to get a handle on this. He is concerned there will be a hole in the Village's cash flow
23 in the budget. The infrastructure projects that are predicated on this tax increase may be
24 adversely impacted. President Jones stated the Village receives an analysis from the
25 Police Pension Fund with a recommendation of how much should be contributed to the
26 Fund. Cindy Saenz stated that the analysis is from the Illinois Department of Insurance.
27 Mr. Forn stated that he would check with the Illinois Department of Insurance regarding
28 this issue.

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30 Mr. Pehle stated pages 9 and 10 are the Actuary Tables related to the Police Pension
31 Fund. President Jones inquired of Mr. Pehle as to whether or not there was a minimum
32 percentage the Village must contribute. Trustee Ormsby inquired as to whether or not the
33 Village funds at the same rate every year. Mr. Pehle stated because the Village does not
34 have a separate property tax line for Police Pension, and he is not advocating that in any
35 way, the Village could contribute zero. President Jones stated the analysis assumes a
36 continuing contribution at these amounts and with some increments. Mr. Pehle stated that
37 there is no required contribution beyond what the actuary recommends, which is the
38 amount that the Village should contribute to fully fund the Police Pension Fund by 2033.

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40 President Jones inquired of Mr. Forn as to whether or not there is any data as to what
41 other local governments are doing. President Jones stated, historically, the Village
42 contributes what is recommended by the Illinois Department of Insurance. Mr. Forn
43 stated he could get that information from the Illinois Department of Insurance also.

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45 President Jones stated we have to have more information so the Board can make good
46 judgments in the spring about this component to the Village's Budget. President Jones

1 stated just because the returns on investments are down, the taxpayers of the Village
2 shouldn't have to address that at a level of 100%. The Village needs to balance those
3 issues. The Village has to see what the recommendation from the Illinois Department of
4 Insurance will be next year.

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6 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mr. Pehle as to what percentage the fund is funded to at
7 this point in time. Cindy Saenz stated that as of April 30, 2008 the Pension Fund is 48%
8 funded. Page 9, column 3 shows the percentages. President Jones asked Mr. Forn to get
9 the Village some comparative data. Cindy Saenz stated Carl will look into some
10 information and she will call the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and
11 have them do a survey for the members. Mr. Pehle stated that the funded ratio statewide
12 was in the low 60s. President Jones stated we are behind.

13
14 Trustee Ormsby stated on page 1 of the Independent Auditors Report in the last
15 paragraph it says, "The Police Pension Fund has not presented MD&A Supplementary
16 Information." She inquired as to why the Pension Fund has not done that. Mr. Pehle
17 stated the Pension Fund is required to submit one, but it doesn't require the auditors to
18 qualify their opinion beyond the explanatory paragraph at the end. He stated that a lot of
19 Police Pension Funds do not submit a separate Police Pension Fund Report. It is covered
20 under the Village's MD&A Report. It is a requirement if you submit a separate Report.

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22 Mr. Forn stated the comparative data would be on the Comptroller's Website.

23
24 President Jones inquired as to why the Village does a separate report and audit for the
25 Police Pension Fund. Mrs. Saenz stated tradition.

26
27 Mr. Pehle stated the first item in the Management Letter relates to a one-time event with
28 the new sewer maintenance line in the tax levy, and receiving some early receipts that
29 were not allocated to the Sewer Fund. Due to the dollar amount it ends up as a significant
30 deficiency. The sewer maintenance line is an ongoing revenue item that is currently
31 reported correctly, so this issue has been remedied. The second comment relates to the
32 fact there was an oversight to a nonrecurring journal entry of the Village. That has been
33 implemented as well. The comment on page 5 gives a list of future pronouncements.
34 Appendix A is just an update on the comments of the prior year. On page 8, number 2,
35 the Uncollateralized Deposits, with the current situation that would have been a concern,
36 but the comment was implemented as of April 30, 2008. There was a small amount of
37 Uncollateralized Deposits as of April 30, 2007. Mr. Pehle stated one of the things they
38 will be focusing on in upcoming audits is to make sure the Village's collaterals are in
39 place, and that the Village's investments are as secure as they can be.

40
41 Trustee Oliver inquired of Mr. Pehle as to whether or not any recommendations that were
42 made last year were reviewed in this audit. Mr. Pehle stated that they go over the
43 comments in the Management Letter. They adjust their audit procedures on an annual
44 basis for any areas they may have detected deficiencies, or had a difficult time testing in
45 the prior year, they make sure that they address those and make sure they would not be a
46 problem in the upcoming years.

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve the audit of**
2 **the Village's Annual Financial Report for the year ending April 30, 2008, and all**
3 **documents associated there with.**

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

5
6 **October 2008 Financial Statements** – Trustee Pennington stated we are now six months
7 into our 2008 Budget. This evening he will be reporting on the core financial results,
8 actual versus budgeted for the period ending October 31, 2008.

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10 **Corporate Fund** – In the Corporate Fund the actual realized revenue for the month was
11 \$1,034,873.00 against a budgeted amount of \$1,029,692.00. There was a revenue
12 increase in the amount of \$5,181.00 or 1% of the budget. The incurred expenses in this
13 fund were \$583,539.00 against a budgeted amount of \$610,340.00. This was a difference
14 of \$26,801.00, or 4% of the budget. This resulted in a fund surplus of \$471,334.00 actual,
15 versus \$411,352.00 budgeted, or 13% of the budget. The fiscal year to date actual, plus
16 encumbrance, is \$2,367,958.00. The Village experienced increases in the following
17 revenue line items: Sales Tax Revenue, Real Estate Tax, MSA Fines, Towing and
18 Impoundment, Investment Income, and Developers Agreements.

19
20 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated with regard to the Water Fund, the Village was
21 within budget and realized a fund surplus for October. The actual fund revenue total was
22 \$7,486.00, versus a total fund expense of \$9,670.00, or 23% of the budget. The year to
23 date actual, plus encumbrance is a surplus in the amount of \$58,591.00.

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25 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated the Sewer Fund had a total fund surplus in the
26 amount of \$20,537.00 actual, against a budgeted sum of \$13,358.00. This resulted in an
27 increase in the amount of \$7,179.00, or 35% for the month. The fiscal year to date actual,
28 plus encumbrance is a surplus in the amount of \$358,620.00.

29
30 **Investments** – Trustee Pennington stated the investments of the Village of Olympia
31 Fields as of October 31, 2008, are as follows: There are various Certificates of Deposit in
32 the amount of \$3,177,966.42. There are Money Market Funds in the amount of
33 \$585,647.36, for a total Village investment of \$3,763,613.78

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35 **BUILDING:**

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37 **The Traditions – Fire Sprinkler Systems** - Trustee Ormsby stated that Jim Peterson
38 met with the Matteson Fire Department and with a few members of The Traditions
39 Management Company. There is a problem with the sprinkler system in the quad units.
40 They have had leaks. They determined the source of the problem is probably a defective
41 pipe. Trustee Ormsby stated that Mr. Peterson is recommending that the Fire Sprinkler
42 System be temporarily shutoff and drained until the problem can be rectified. It is a PUD
43 Ordinance. The Building Code does not require it.

1 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve the request of the**
2 **Building Commissioner to permit the temporary shut down of the Fire Sprinkler**
3 **System at The Traditions to permit the repairs in the spring.**

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5 Trustee Oliver inquired as to whether or not the Village would be liable during the period
6 of time the Fire Sprinkler System is shut down. President Jones stated the Village would
7 not be liable. He stated it is their decision. The Village is permitting them to turn it off.
8 The Village will have conversations with their management firm and their neighborhood
9 leadership, so the Village knows that this is something they want to do. It is not a
10 Building Code or Fire Code responsibility. This was what the Developer asked for, and
11 the Village agreed to it. President Jones stated hopefully it could be repaired in the
12 spring.

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

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15 **PLANNING:**

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17 The matter of the Moss Variance was taken up at the beginning of the meeting.

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19 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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

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23 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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25 **Defibrillator for the Police Department** – Trustee Nale stated several months ago, the
26 Executive Safety Committee realized the importance of obtaining defibrillators for
27 various buildings in the Village. There was not enough money in the budget for this at
28 that time. President Jones had suggested that the Village purchase one defibrillator to be
29 kept at the police station. The money was to be taken out of the Drug Forfeiture Account.

30
31 **Motion by Trustee Nale, second by Trustee Pennington to authorize the purchase of**
32 **one (1) defibrillator to be located within the Police unit of the new Village Hall in an**
33 **amount not to exceed \$2,200.00 with said funds coming from the Drug Forfeiture**
34 **Account.**

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

36
37 **CPR Training** – Trustee Nale is still waiting for the Department Heads to get together to
38 have a CPR Training Session. Tim Syren at the Matteson Fire Department had given
39 Trustee Nale five dates that he would be available to conduct the training. She is anxious
40 to get a date because she doesn't know if Mr. Syren will still be available. Administrator
41 Mekarski stated he was waiting to get some information from Joe Alexa. Mr. Alexa will
42 be back in town tomorrow. Trustee Nale stated the cost is \$5.00 per mask.

43
44 **Evacuation Signs** – Trustee Nale stated she spoke with Mr. Peterson today and found out
45 the Evacuation Signs are being framed. They are to be placed at five different locations in
46 Village Hall.

1 **Police Cameras** – Mr. Peterson informed Trustee Nale today that the police cameras
2 have not been installed. The person that was hired to install them is late in keeping his
3 appointments. Hopefully, they will be installed by the end of the year.

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5 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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7 **Public Safety Committee** - Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the Public Safety Committee
8 met on November 19, 2008. They are meeting on a quarterly basis now. They will be
9 meeting again on January 7, 2009, to discuss budget items so that Chief Chudwin will be
10 prepared to meet with the Finance Committee.

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12 **Towing Ordinance** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the Towing Ordinance that was put
13 in place has turned out to be hugely successful.

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15 **Truck Enforcement Program** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated the Truck Enforcement
16 Program has fallen off. This is due to the fact that companies are not sending out as many
17 deliveries as they once were. Trustee Meyers-Martin believes word has gotten out that the
18 police are focusing on trucks and their weights, and for that reason the trucks are taking
19 alternative routes.

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21 **RedFlex** – Trustee Pennington inquired of Trustee Meyers-Martin as to whether or not
22 she had any updates on RedFlex. She stated the RedFlex Camera at Route 30 and
23 Governors is working, but it is not transferring the violations to the police department.
24 The police department is working with the company in an attempt to rectify that problem.
25 As for the RedFlex Camera at Orchard and Route 30, that is still in the planning stage.
26 Trustee Pennington stated given the success of the Towing and Impound Program which
27 was a significant amount to the revenue for the month of October, the Board may want to
28 consider taking a second look at RedFlex. President Jones stated he has been assured that
29 RedFlex is a no cost item to the Village. President Jones stated if it brings revenue and
30 safety great, and if it brings neither, that is the problem of RedFlex. The cameras are not
31 picking up the license plates. President Jones stated Trustee Pennington's point is well
32 taken.

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34 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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36 **Ordinance #2008-15** – Administrator Mekarski stated the first item he would like to take
37 up is Ordinance #2008-15 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Article V, Section 9-101
38 of the Olympia Fields Village Code pertaining to fees for Emergency Medical Services.
39 This is on Second Reading. This was discussed in detail at the last Board Meeting.

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41 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Ormsby, to approve proposed**
42 **Ordinance #2008-15 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Article V, Section 9-101**
43 **of the Olympia Fields Village Code pertaining to fees for Emergency Medical**
44 **Services. This is on Second Reading.**

1 Trustee Pennington stated he would propose that the Board stay this amendment, or this
2 Motion until the spring of 2009. He feels that given what we are faced with economically
3 at this point in time, it is not appropriate to impose additional cost factors to the residents
4 of Olympia Fields.

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6 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to table proposed**
7 **Ordinance #2008-15 on Second Reading.**

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

9
10 Trustee Oliver wanted to ask a question. President Jones stated he had a Motion to Table
11 and that takes precedence over the Motion. President Jones agreed with Trustee
12 Pennington that the residents do not need any additional hits right now and the Board can
13 wait until the spring and see how things are going. President Jones believes the increase
14 in fees is appropriate but the Board can wait on this matter.

15
16 **Ordinance #2008-16** – Administrator Mekarski stated the next item is Ordinance #2008-
17 16 - An Ordinance amending Section 4-9(2.1), "Hours of Sale," of Chapter 4, Article I of
18 the Olympia Fields Village Code Change in Sunday Liquor Selling Hours. Administrator
19 Mekarski stated this is for changing the licensing procedures for the sale of alcohol in the
20 major grocery stores under the B-1 Liquor License. This will change the liquor sale hours
21 on Sunday from 12:00 P.M. to 10:00 A.M. The request is being made by Jewel-Osco, but
22 it also applies to Bizios Fresh Market

23
24 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve on**
25 **Second Reading proposed Ordinance #2008-16 – An Ordinance amending Section 4-**
26 **9(2.1), "Hours of Sale," of Chapter 4, Article I of the Olympia Fields Village Code.**

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

28
29 **Consent Order Relative to IEPA Sanitary Sewer Violation** – Administrator Mekarski
30 stated the next item is for authorization for the Village President to execute a Consent
31 Order relative to the IEPA Sanitary Sewer Violation and further authorize payment of
32 civil penalty in the amount of \$12,026.00. In the Board Packet is a Summary Report
33 outlining the Consent Order from the Village Attorney, John Murphey. It contains the
34 signatures of the Attorney General's Office and the Illinois Environmental Protection
35 Agency. This is a settlement for the charges that were filed against the Village for the
36 alleged violation of the Clean Water Act associated with a possible defect in the sanitary
37 sewer system that may have contributed to a surcharging of untreated sewage from a
38 manhole located on Country Club Drive. The Consent Order provides as follows: 1. The
39 Village will pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$12,026.00. Payment is made at the time
40 of the entry of the Consent Order. 2. The Village will undertake a Sewer Improvement
41 Program within the Graymoor Subdivision to reduce infiltration and inflow, with a
42 preliminary estimated construction budget for sewer rehabilitation at \$500,000.00 and
43 said work to be completed by June 1, 2009. Administrator Mekarski stated that this is
44 part of Phase I of the Sanitary Sewer Program. It would be let in the spring. It should be
45 completed within that scheduled date. He stated completing the Bond work for the
46 Graymoor Project would fulfill that condition. 3. Conduct a Supplemental Environmental

1 Project (SEP) specified in the Order as, "completing the design and engineering work for
2 the storm water management and environmental enhancement of the Graymoor Ponds
3 tributary to Butterfield Creek," to be completed no later than May 1, 2009. Administrator
4 Mekarski stated this work has been substantially completed with the full engineering
5 documents and designs for the Graymoor Ponds. A review of that document was just
6 completed with Baxter & Woodman. It will be coming before the Board in December or
7 January.

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9 Administrator Mekarski stated in order to fulfill the requirement that the Village solicit
10 Federal Funds for the environmental enhancement and the dredging, Baxter & Woodman
11 is preparing a Summary Report of the Graymoor Pond Project which will be sent to
12 Senator Durbin's office, Senator Barack Obama's vacant office, as well as Congressman
13 Jackson's office soliciting an opportunity to include not only the dredging for the
14 Graymoor Ponds, but any kind of supplemental environmental enhancements that could
15 be achieved as part of the Economic Stimulus Package that will be before Congress in
16 January.

17
18 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to authorize the Village
19 President to execute Consent Order No. 07CH 27705, an Order settling five counts
20 of alleged violations regulated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.**

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

22
23 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Village's
24 Finance Director to remit a check in the amount of \$12,026.00 payable to the Illinois
25 EPA or its designee, as payment of Civil penalties assessed by said Consent Order.**

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

27
28 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to authorize the Village
29 Administrator to work with the Village's legal counsel to provide evidence to the
30 State agencies assuring compliance with the required Graymoor Subdivision Sewer
31 Rehabilitation work to be completed by June 1, 2009, and the preparation of
32 evidence documenting completion of the Supplemental Environmental Project
33 required by May 1, 2009.**

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

35
36 **Country Club Hills Gaming License** – Administrator Mekarski stated, unfortunately,
37 the Gaming Board made a decision to eliminate Country Club Hills from the prospective
38 hosts for a new Gaming License and Casino in the Chicagoland area. Administrator
39 Mekarski received a letter from Mayor Dwight Welch extending his personal thanks to
40 the Board for showing support for his city and the entire Chicagoland region.

41
42 **Metropolitan Mayors Caucus** – Administrator Mekarski stated this is a request for
43 "Ready to Go" Projects for submission for possible funding under the proposed
44 Congressional Economic Stimulus Package. In the Board Packet is correspondence
45 signed by President Jones communicating over \$11,333,400.00 of projects, which are
46 construction ready. Hopefully, some or all of the projects will be included in the proposed

1 Economic Stimulus Package. It is expected to go before Congress in the January session.
2 The projects include the Sewer Rehabilitation work and the Graymoor Project, as well as
3 some Ready to Go Spec Projects, such as handicap sidewalk ramps and roadway
4 resurfacing at \$500,000.00. President Jones stated the Village received the request, and
5 within 48 hours Baxter & Woodman, Robinson Engineering and Administrator Mekarski
6 submitted the list to the agency. President Jones extended his thanks to Administrator
7 Mekarski.

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9 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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11 President Jones stated he did not have a formal report.

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13 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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15 **Condominium Project on Kedzie** – Trustee Meyers-Martin had a question regarding the
16 condominium project on Kedzie. There is a pile of dirt there. She inquired as to whether
17 or not the Developer was going to grade that without moving forward with the project.
18 Administrator Mekarski stated his last conversation with Mr. Garafalo indicated they
19 were scheduled to begin work in the spring. If the Board would like the Developer to do
20 some grading before the winter season he would communicate that to the Developer.
21 President Jones does not want to impose that obligation on the Developer at this time. He
22 does not know what his cash flow is. He would rather wait until the spring and if it looks
23 like the project isn't going forward, then the Village can talk to Mr. Garafalo about
24 grading the dirt.

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26 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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28 **Ordinance Violations** – Trustee Ormsby would like her and the Building Commissioner
29 to look into some kind of fining system for people that violate an Ordinance and get a
30 building up, or a mailbox up, without approval, and then in the end they are allowed to do
31 that. She believes there should be a fine structure attached with that. She is disappointed
32 when someone does that as Mr. Moss did. President Jones stated there are Citations
33 issued. There was a Citation issued to Mr. Moss for the accessory building. He believes
34 the Mosses should pay the fine. Trustee Ormsby stated if the fine were not enforced,
35 people would continue to build things without approval because there is no consequence.
36 President Jones stated there is a consequence. Trustee Ormsby would like to have it
37 stricter. President Jones stated unless the Board has an objection, he feels the Citations
38 should go through. The attitude of the Building Department is if there is a violation, a
39 Citation is issued. Administrator Mekarski stated the Citations regarding the Mosses are
40 being held in abeyance. They may have been pulled because he was coming back in good
41 faith to present the structure. Administrator Mekarski stated that we asked him to pull the
42 application and come back in the spring. President Jones stated he would review where
43 we currently are with the Mosses. He agrees with what Trustee Ormsby stated. He feels
44 the other Board Members are in agreement that the Village needs to have some teeth on
45 this thing, that if people get a Variance down the road they should still pay the penalty. If
46 this happens in the future, enforcement will occur. It won't be waived or pulled. It will be

1 made clear, that they are free to come in for a Variance, but until they get a Variance,
2 they will get ticketed.

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4 **Bizios Sign** – Trustee Ormsby stated the Bizios sign is important to that corridor for that
5 shopping center to succeed. At budget time she would like the Board to look into buying
6 into a piece of that sign, or supplementing, or helping with the sign, with this being part
7 of the Village's Gateway. If the sign isn't put up, the Village will be continuing with these
8 temporary signs. The cost for the sign is prohibitive for Mr. Bizios right now. She would
9 like this to go into the budget process. Trustee Ormsby stated that the shopping center
10 would not be successful without that signage. The tax revenue is important to the Village.
11 The temporary signs that have been there in the past are pitiful looking.

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13 President Jones stated that he, and Administrator Mekarski, would think about other ways
14 the Village can assist in the cost without requiring a direct payment from the Treasurer.

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16 Trustee Pennington stated there are other ways. He received an e-mail from a financial
17 source he has been working with on some projects. They can release funds for projects
18 like this. He suggested that perhaps a program could be put together to present to Bizios.
19 He stated that it is something we can talk about. Trustee Ormsby expressed her thanks to
20 Trustee Pennington.

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22 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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

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26 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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28 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to adjourn at 9:38 P.M.**

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

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31 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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