

1 Governmental Activities includes the General Fund, the Special Revenue Funds, Capital
2 Project and Debt Service. The Business Type Activities are the Water and Sewer
3 Activities. The Unrestricted Net Assets under Governmental Activities are 1.2 Million
4 Dollars. The Unrestricted Net Assets in the Business Type Activities are about flat from
5 last year.

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7 Mr. Pehle stated that pages 4 and 5 are the Income Statement portions of the full accrual
8 statements. The Governmental Activities had a \$700,000.00 increase in net assets. The
9 Business Type Activities had a slight decrease of \$260,000.00 in net assets during the
10 year just due to operations.

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12 Mr. Pehle stated that page 6 is the Modified Accrual Statement. The Village's General
13 Fund is the only fund that qualifies as a major fund. The Unreserved Undesignated Fund
14 Balance as of year-end in the General Fund was 2.2 Million Dollars.

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16 Mr. Pehle stated that page 8 is the Schedule of Changes in Fund Balance. The General
17 Fund had an increase in fund balance of nearly a Million Dollars during the year ending
18 April 30th, 2009. The rest of the Governmental Funds were flat with a slight decrease in
19 fund balance of \$43,000.00.

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21 Mr. Pehle stated that pages 10 and 11 break the Water and Sewer Funds down. Both
22 funds have Unrestricted Net Assets that are at a good ratio to their expenses during the
23 year. There is a healthy Unrestricted Balance in both of those funds. Both had operating
24 losses. The Water Fund had a \$193,000.00 loss. That includes depreciation on the capital
25 assets in those funds.

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27 Mr. Pehle stated that page 14 is the Statement of Changes and Fiduciary Net Assets for
28 the Police Pension Fund. The Net Appreciation/Depreciation and Fair Value of
29 Investments there reflect a loss of about \$625,000.00 in the investment values as of April
30 30th, 2009. He is sure that the numbers have bounced back a little bit more since then due
31 to the current market conditions. That caused the Police Pension Fund to have an overall
32 decrease in Net Assets for the year in the amount of \$262,000.00.

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34 Mr. Pehle stated that on page 22 is the Cash Investment Note. This covers the Cash
35 Investment position for the Village and the Police Pension Fund. It addresses what they
36 are required to disclose if there were any legal violations. There were none this year. All
37 of the deposits were fully collateralized and with the current situation in the banking
38 environment is a very good thing to have.

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40 Mr. Pehle stated that on page 27 is the Capital Asset Note. This is the biggest asset on the
41 full accrual statements. This describes what those assets are comprised of for
42 Governmental Activities and Business Type Activities.

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44 Mr. Pehle stated that on page 29 is the Long-Term Debt Note. This discusses the long-
45 term liabilities of the Village. It goes into great detail on each of the Bond Issuances still
46 outstanding and the Debt Service responsibility of the Village.

1 President Jones inquired of Mr. Pehle as to whether or not the balance due on the
2 principal was \$255,000.00 as of May 1st on the first General Obligation Bond. Mr. Pehle
3 stated that it is actually May 1st of 2008. The outstanding balance as of April 30th, 2009 is
4 \$175,000.00. President Jones inquired of Cindy Saenz as to whether or not there was still
5 debt outstanding from the Street Bond. Mrs. Saenz stated that the refunded portion is still
6 outstanding and would be paid off in 2011. President Jones stated that the next item on
7 page 30 is the refinanced portion of the Street Bond. Mr. Pehle stated that the amounts
8 that are refinanced are being paid out of escrow through proceeds from the 1.3 Million
9 Dollars. President Jones stated that the second item on page 30 is the debt service for this
10 building. The last item is the money we borrowed in connection with the sewer. Mr.
11 Pehle stated that the last Note starts on page 34. It discusses the defined benefit pension
12 plans of the Village. This includes the IRMF Plan and the Police Pension Plan. It
13 discusses the different legal restrictions related to them, the actuarial assumptions and the
14 schedule of some of the funding information. There is more information on page 41 in the
15 Required Supplemental Information. On page 41 are the Actuarial Tables for the IMRF
16 and the Police Pension Fund. He stated that this was not a great year for investments.
17 IRMF which was well funded around 150% going into this year, dropped down around
18 100%, which means the Village is still in great shape in the IRMF Fund. That puts the
19 Village in the minority of the communities in Illinois.

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21 Mr. Pehle stated that on page 42 is the corresponding schedule for the Police Pension
22 Fund, which has been around 50%, funded, and with the status of the investments
23 dropped to around 41% funded as of the end of the year.

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25 Mr. Pehle stated that pages 43 and 44 are for the IMRF and the Police Pension Funds.
26 The current funding for the prior five years for the Employer Contributions and the
27 annual Employee Contributions. IMRF is just a small portion of the funding of the
28 pensions, around \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 a year depending on the year. The Village
29 paid around \$400,000.00 last year to the Police Pension Fund. That is on page 44. The
30 Village has paid about the same amount for the last several years.

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32 Trustee Pennington stated that the Village is in good shape. The Village did receive an
33 unqualified opinion. He stated that the Village faces the same issues that most of the
34 other Villages face. He stated that the Village is in much better financial shape than we
35 anticipated. Trustee Pennington is pleased with the overall report.

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37 Trustee Ormsby inquired as to the Employer Contribution in the Police Pension Fund, she
38 stated that the percentage contributed jumps around. In 2007 it was 65%. In 2008 it was
39 91%. Now it is back down to 69%. Mrs. Saenz stated that the State started to deposit
40 directly into the bank accounts for the pension. There was \$117,000.00 deposited into
41 their account in February of 2008. The Village normally cuts checks for the annual
42 contribution and there was an overpayment in 2008 due to the change in policy by the
43 State.

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45 President Jones thanked Mr. Pehle for the report and the audit. He thanked Trustee
46 Pennington and the Finance Committee as well.

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to accept the Annual**
2 **Financial Report for the Village of Olympia Fields for the year ending April 30th,**
3 **2009.**

4 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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6 Trustee Pennington stated that he is proud that this Board takes a staunch look at the
7 finances of the Village, and that the Board has nothing but the vested interest of the
8 residents at heart when they analyze and look at the numbers. He stated that the Board
9 should be proud of that fact and receive the accolades that it deserves for being good
10 stewards of the Village's finances. President Jones closed Communications and Petitions
11 at 6:54 P.M.

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13 **FINANCE:**

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15 **October 2009 Financial Statements -** Trustee Pennington stated this evening he will be
16 reporting on the revenues and expenses incurred for the period ending October 31st, 2009.
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18 **Corporate Fund –** Trustee Pennington stated that the Village continues to see a lag in
19 revenue receipt generation in the Village's core revenue accounts in October. As a result,
20 the Village closed the month of October in a deficit position in the amount of
21 \$139,402.06. The Village realized actual revenue in the amount of \$223,345.80. The
22 actual expenses realized for the month was \$362,747.86. The Village budgeted for a
23 deficit in October. The budgeted revenue for the month was \$246,790.27. The budgeted
24 expense figure was \$409,165.68. This resulted in a budget fund deficit in the amount of
25 \$162,375.41. The Village collected \$666,568.71 in Sales Tax Revenue during this period,
26 versus a budgeted amount of \$68,750.00, or 3% under plan. The Village was 42% under
27 plan with respect to the Village's actual realized revenue in State Income Tax. The plan
28 budget was set at \$39,166.67. The Village collected \$22,807.77 in actual revenue. The
29 Village realized a \$1,373.33 decrease in Real Estate Tax Revenue for this period. The
30 Village budgeted the sum of \$10,000.00, and realized \$8,626.67 in the revenue line item.
31 Trustee Pennington stated that the Village continues to see excellent revenue generation
32 in the Towing/Impound Revenue line item. The budget for this line item for October was
33 \$6,666.67. The Village realized \$23,500.00 in actual revenue. This was an increase in the
34 amount of \$16,833.00. The Village also realized an 11% fall in the Utility Tax Revenue
35 for October. The Budget for this line item was \$62,500.00. The Village realized
36 \$55,369.77 in actual revenue. The year to date actual, plus encumbrance for October is a
37 deficit in the amount of \$598,984.14. These deficits can be attributed to timing issues
38 related to the receipt of funds due to the Village from prior periods. The Village
39 anticipates that the timing issue will be resolved by December 31st, 2009, when all funds
40 due and owing the Village are to be disbursed.

41
42 Trustee Pennington stated that he has been advised by the Finance Department that the
43 Real Estate Taxes for November and the first fourteen days of December have increased.
44 In November, the Village will book \$462,413.43. For the first 14 days of December the
45 Village has realized the sum of \$268,572.94 in collected Real Estate Taxes.
46

1 **Water Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Water Fund closed in a surplus position
2 for the month of October in the amount of \$24,894.52. The actual expenses were 3%
3 above the sum budgeted. The Village's realized expenses were \$85,528.18 against a
4 budgeted expense of \$83,062.10. The water revenue was 24% above plan for the month
5 of October. The Village budgeted the sum of \$89,141.67. The Village realized
6 \$110,422.70 in actual revenue for this period. The year to date actual, plus encumbrance
7 for October is a surplus in the amount of \$716.45.

8
9 **Sewer Fund** – Trustee Pennington stated that the Sewer Fund closed the month of
10 October in deficit status. The total fund deficit was \$173,059.00. The Village realized
11 actual revenues in the amount of \$61,466.33. The actual expenses were \$234,525.79. The
12 Village budgeted for a deficit in this fund. The budgeted fund revenues were \$55,974.00.
13 Budgeted fund expenses were \$89,361.77. This resulted in a budget fund deficit in the
14 amount of \$33,387.77. The year to date actual, plus encumbrance for this period in this
15 fund is a deficit of \$675,503.51.

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18 **Special Public Hearing** – President Jones opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. as
19 required by Ordinance #2009-19 – An Ordinance calling for a Public Hearing to consider
20 designation of a Redevelopment Project Area for the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook
21 County, Illinois otherwise known as the (Lincoln Highway & Western Avenue Tax
22 Increment Financing District).

23
24 Mr. Mike Hoffman, the Village Planner from Teska Associates, Inc. stated that the Public
25 Hearing was published in the newspaper. Notices were sent to properties within the
26 District and within 750 feet. He stated that the process creating a Tax Increment
27 Financing District is defined by the State of Illinois. You must first look at the area to see
28 if it meets the State's criteria for eligibility. Mr. Hoffman stated that has been done. He
29 stated that, essentially, the area is defined as a conservation area. Some of the buildings
30 meet the age criteria of the State Statute. There are a number of vacancies throughout the
31 area. There is some deteriorating property there.

32
33 Mr. Hoffman stated that Teska Associates, Inc. has completed a Redevelopment Plan.
34 Mr. Hoffman presented a PowerPoint Presentation discussing the Redevelopment Plan.
35 The Redevelopment Plan outlines the types of uses that they would anticipate happening
36 out there. He stated that we want this to be Commercial Property and Retail Sales Tax
37 producing property. Tax Increment Financing funds can be used for land acquisition,
38 improving existing properties, any environmental remediation that is needed,
39 infrastructure items, whether that be new utility lines, roadway, and intersection
40 improvements. Those are all things that can be funded through the TIF District. The TIF
41 District is proposed to last 23 years. It could be shorter than that. Mr. Hoffman stated that
42 a Joint Review Board was conducted on November 12th. The Joint Review Board is
43 comprised of a group of all of the different taxing entities that tax property in the area.
44 The Joint Review Board voted unanimously for the Village to proceed with the TIF
45 District. They were comfortable with what was proposed.

1 Mr. Hoffman stated that since the Joint Review Board, Teska Associates, Inc. has been in
2 contact with a couple of the property owners to the south. One or two of the major
3 property owners in the area south of Lincoln Highway are planning to appeal their
4 Property Taxes. Teska Associates, Inc. is recommending that after tonight's meeting, the
5 Village proceed with removing the area south of Lincoln Highway from the TIF District,
6 and just create the TIF District north of Lincoln Highway. In the future, the Village has
7 the option of amending the TIF District and adding any additional property if it chooses
8 to do so. He stated that the area on the map is what was published for the Public Hearing.
9

10 Mr. Hoffman stated that the purpose of the meeting this evening is to obtain public
11 comments on the document. The Village Board will not be taking any formal action on
12 this tonight. He stated that the Board would have to take action within 90 days of this
13 Public Hearing. The Board will have to take action by March 12th or March 14th, or have
14 conducted new Public Hearings on this.
15

16 President Jones opened up the Public Hearing for Public Comment at 7:05 P.M. Mr.
17 Louis Irons who resides at 2509 Troy Circle stated that he noticed in the letter that on the
18 north, Troy Circle was mentioned. Mr. Irons inquired as to what affect this program
19 would have in terms of his property and the taxes on his property.
20

21 Mr. Hoffman stated that all the homes that affront on Troy Circle are excluded from the
22 TIF District. He stated that it shouldn't have any direct impact on his property. The goal
23 is to redevelop the property south of Mr. Iron's property. He stated if anything, it would
24 enhance Mr. Troy's property. Since his property is not included in the TIF District it will
25 not have any impact on his property value.
26

27 President Jones stated that the area that was Currie Motors, Harold Motors and Mazda
28 would return to a retail base use. He does not anticipate any impact in terms of traffic or
29 anything else affecting Troy Circle or any other residential areas that abut this property.
30 The area is buffered from the residential areas. It will be buffered in a similar manner or
31 perhaps with more enhanced buffering once the Village knows who the users might be in
32 that area. He stated that any user that wants to be in the TIF District has to discuss with
33 the Village what the use will look like as far as façade, security, lighting and noise.
34 President Jones informed Mr. Irons that his Tax Bill wouldn't change because of this
35 development at all. The Village will not be using the tax revenue from the residential
36 areas to impact the TIF District. The tax revenue that is generated by the TIF District
37 itself will be used to develop the site.
38

39 Mr. Ron Oosterbaan inquired as to whether or not south of Lincoln Highway was going
40 to be included in the TIF District. President Jones stated that in light of the fact that two
41 of the major property owners that have tax ID's on the south side are in the process of
42 seeking reductions in their tax valuation rate, the recommendation has been made by the
43 Village Planner that the area south of Lincoln Highway be removed from the TIF
44 District. Once that process has been resolved, then the Board will revisit that issue. He
45 stated that if a TIF is created there, the only purpose of creating the TIF is not to impact
46 any of the residential areas of Park Forest, but to impact what is going on inside that

1 shopping center, improve its façade, improve how it functions, improve its attractiveness
2 to retail businesses so that the residents of Chicago Heights, Park Forest, and Olympia
3 Fields that use the shopping center, especially the Jewel, will continue to be able to use
4 the shopping center and, hopefully, have enhanced shopping opportunities at that
5 location.

6
7 Mr. Oosterbaan inquired as to whether or not the tenants that are in the shopping center
8 now, if their taxes from revenues would go up immediately, or only after in increments.
9 President Jones stated it is only based on the actual increase in the value of the property
10 itself. He stated instead of the Cook County Government getting the increment, it will go
11 back into this area.

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13 President Jones inquired as to whether or not there were any other members of the public
14 wishing to address the Board on this matter. There being no further public comments,
15 President Jones closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 P.M.

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18 **FINANCE – (CONTINUED)**

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20 **Proposed Tax Levy for Tax Year 2009** – President Jones stated that the proposed Tax
21 Levy is something that the Board does every year. Trustee Pennington stated that there
22 are two Ordinances before the Board.

23
24 **Ordinance #2009-23** – Trustee Pennington stated that Ordinance #2009-23 is an
25 Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1,
26 2009, and ending April 30, 2010 of the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois.
27 This is on First and Second Reading.

28 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to approve proposed**
29 **Ordinance #2009-23 on First and Second Reading, an Ordinance for the Levy and**
30 **Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2009, and ending April**
31 **30, 2010 of the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois.**

32
33 President Jones stated that this Ordinance proposes an increase of 3.3% over the previous
34 year with respect to the main levy. He stated that we are limited by our rate, which is
35 .992. They are not allowed by the County to levy more than that. The reason for what
36 appears to be a 3.3% increase is simply a conservative judgment by the Finance
37 Department and the Finance Committee, that if there is some unanticipated increase in
38 the actual value of properties in the Village, this will put the Village in a position to
39 capture that. The likelihood is that we will never see a 3.3% increase, but it is in there for
40 that purpose. The second component of this levy is for the Street Bond. That is projected
41 to have an increase of .7/10ths of 1% over last year's levy. Last year it was \$153,000.00
42 and this year we propose this may increase to \$154,000.00.

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

44
45 **Ordinance #2009-24** – Trustee Pennington stated that this is an Ordinance for the Levy
46 and Assessment of Special Service Area Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1,

1 2009, and ending April 30, 2010, of the Village of Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois,
2 in and for Special Service Area Number One. This is on First and Second Reading.

3 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to approve on First and**
4 **Second Reading proposed Ordinance #2009-24.**

5
6 President Jones stated that this levy does not relate to any of the residential areas in the
7 Village. It is a special levy agreed to among the property owners of Governors Office
8 Park. It does not apply to any other part of the Village. It is a long-standing levy. They
9 asked the Village to levy on themselves to collect \$35,000.00, which is then turned over
10 to the original developers of the Governors Office Park Alan Besterfield and Jim Wilkes.

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

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13 **BUILDING:**

14
15 **Holiday Award Judging** - Trustee Ormsby reminded everyone that Holiday Award
16 Judging is this week. She stated that very few Homeowners Associations have their picks
17 in. She asked that people remind the Presidents of their Homeowners Associations to get
18 their picks into the Beautification Committee.

19
20 **Temporary Signage** – Trustee Ormsby stated that she, along with Trustee Gibson and
21 John McDonnell are working weekly on changing the Signage Ordinance. They are
22 focusing on Temporary Signage since that is an issue in the Village. They hope to have
23 something to present to the Board very soon.

24
25 **PLANNING:**

26
27 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have a formal report this evening.

28
29 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

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31 **Recommendation for Bid Award for the East & West Elevated Water Storage Tank**
32 **Repainting** – Trustee Oliver stated that a few weeks ago the Board had a discussion
33 about the bid for the repainting of the East & West Elevated Water Storage Tank. That
34 bidding process was dismissed. It was opened up for a new bidding process. There is a
35 Memo in the Board Packet dated December 14th regarding the recommendation for the
36 Bid Award for the East & West Elevated Water Storage Tank Repainting. Trustee Oliver
37 stated that Mr. Ray Koenig is here this evening from Baxter & Woodman. Trustee Oliver
38 asked Mr. Koenig to provide the Board with some information that clarifies the bidding
39 process.

40
41 Mr. Koenig stated that the project was re-bid on November 10th. The original base bid
42 came in to paint both tanks with the company ERA Valdivia at \$540,000.00. The
43 contractors that bid on the project, had to give separate bids for each tank. They ended up
44 with one low bidder for one tank, and one low bidder for the other tank. After speaking
45 with staff and the Village Attorney, Baxter & Woodman negotiated with the lowest
46 overall bidder. That bidder was provided with a letter that said that he would lower his

1 bid to match what the lowest two bids would be. By doing it that way, they were able to
2 save the Village \$28,000.00. Mr. Koenig stated that ERA Valdivia has completed five
3 tanks for Baxter & Woodman in the surrounding communities. He stated that they did a
4 very good job for Country Club Hills and Oak Forest. Baxter & Woodman would
5 recommend them to do the job.

6 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to accept the recommendation to**
7 **award the repainting of the East & West Elevated Water Storage Tank Project as**
8 **prepared by Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers to ERA Valdivia**
9 **Contractors, Inc. in the total amount of \$512,000.00; and authorizing the Village**
10 **Attorney to draft a contractual agreement to afford implementation.**

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

12
13 President Jones stated that in terms of financing or paying for this contract, the Village
14 has three options. 1. The Village can borrow money to do this. This is about a 12-year
15 life. 2. The Village can pay for it internally since it has the resources to do that. 3. The
16 Village has been in conversations with St. James Hospital. They have an interest in
17 having naming rights to one side of each of the towers.

18 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Oliver to authorize the Village**
19 **Administrator to reopen negotiations with St. James Hospital to cover and/or**
20 **subsidize the total cost of this project in exchange for rights to utilize our towers for**
21 **the display of their corporate logo.**

22
23 President Jones stated that this just authorizes the reopening of the negotiations. He stated
24 that we would work with the Finance Department and the Village Treasurer on
25 developing an appropriate pricing model for St. James Hospital to consider. Once there is
26 something worth recommending, it will be brought back before the Board to decide
27 whether they want to go down this road. If the Board approves the naming rights, it will
28 also include the Board's approval of what goes on the tower. If the Board does not like
29 what is proposed to be placed on the towers, then the Village will find another way to pay
30 for the repainting of the towers.

31 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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33 **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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35 **Prairie Choral Arts Group** - Trustee Nale stated that she did not have a formal report
36 this evening. Trustee Nale wanted to remind the Board that the Prairie Choral Arts Group
37 will be presenting holiday carols at the 211th Street Station on December 16th between
38 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. Candy will be given out to the commuters.

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40 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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42 **Asset Forfeiture Program** - Trustee Meyers-Martin stated she did not have a formal
43 report this evening. She wanted to provide the Board with a few updates. Trustee Meyers-
44 Martin stated that Chief Chudwin has confirmed that there have been several seizures in
45 the Asset Forfeiture Program. The Village is scheduled to receive \$200,000.00 to
46 \$250,000.00 by May 1st.

1 **Walgreens Liquor Licenses** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that the Village
2 Administrator will go into more detail on this, but there is information in the Board
3 Packet that Chief Chudwin and Deputy Chief Kickert did meet with the Walgreens
4 representatives, and they have recommended that the Board go forward with issuing the
5 Liquor Licenses.

6
7 **K-9 Unit** – Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that Officer Metzger and Lars completed their
8 training. They have been on the beat. She stated that it is very exciting to the Public
9 Safety Department.

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11 Trustee Ormsby inquired of Trustee Meyers-Martin as to whether or not the Board will
12 get to see Lars. Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that they were going to attend the meeting
13 this evening but was unavailable. Trustee Meyers-Martin will speak with Chief Chudwin
14 to arrange for Officer Metzger and Lars to attend a Board Meeting very soon.

15
16 President Jones stated that Lars is very friendly to the public. He will be very friendly
17 with children. He stated that the officer would be able to take Lars to the schools to
18 mingle with the children to make them comfortable with officers and dogs.

19
20 Trustee Meyers-Martin stated that during the summer, with the festivals in town and with
21 the Park District, they are hoping to arrange to have the K-9 Unit go through some of
22 their routines so that everybody gets to know the dog and to feel comfortable with him.

23
24 **Metra Stations** – Trustee Gibson stated that she noticed in the paper that there are quite a
25 few Metra Stations that are being repaired and updated. She was wondering why the
26 Metra Stations in Olympia Fields were not included in the list to be repaired or updated.

27
28 Trustee Pennington, who is on the Metra Board, stated that the advance team went
29 through the entire area that Metra services. They identified those stations that needed
30 immediate repair, such as the stations in Flossmoor and Hazel Crest. There are other
31 stations along the Metra Electric that are being repaired as well as the north/northwest
32 suburban stations. All of this is predicated upon the fact that Metra receives the Bond
33 Money from the State of Illinois.

34
35 Trustee Pennington stated that he is working on two things with respect to the 211th Street
36 and the 203rd Street Stations in Olympia Fields. He stated that the 203rd Street Station is
37 not ADA compatible. He is working on getting the 203rd Street Station in that process so
38 that it can become ADA compatible. He is looking at getting some of the painting done
39 for the 211th Street Station. He received a call from the Mayor of Riverdale regarding the
40 Ivanhoe Station. He is working on that as well.

41
42 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

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

1 **Chapter 4, Article II, "Licenses," of the Olympia Fields Village Code –**
2 Administrator Mekarski stated that the Ordinance was drafted by the Village Attorney to
3 create Liquor Licenses for the Walgreens located at Lincoln Highway and the Vollmer
4 Road location. They are requesting a Beer and Wine License. This is something that all
5 of the Walgreens are doing throughout the country. This matter was previously before the
6 Board. At that time, the Village President and the Board had requested that Chief
7 Chudwin conduct a full security review at both of the Walgreens locations to help
8 improve the safety of the customers and the employees. In the Board Packet is a report
9 from Walgreens to Chief Chudwin dated December 7th, detailing the improvements that
10 were made to their video surveillance to make it state of the art. The Chief and Deputy
11 Chief worked with Walgreens to try to get profile cameras at the exits to try to capture
12 facial recognition of someone who may be committing a crime as they are exiting the
13 store.

14 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve on**
15 **Second Reading, proposed Ordinance #2009-20.**

16
17 President Jones stated that you could see from the list of surveillance capability
18 improvements that Walgreens has committed itself to install by January 15th, this will go
19 a long way to assist the Village in ferreting out any kind of crime occurring in either of
20 these locations, but the deterrence of that will be very significant. The Village has gone
21 back to CVS and talked to them about improvements in their security. They have already
22 installed some improvements. They are working on installing some additional cameras at
23 that location as well.

24
25 Trustee Nale wanted confirmation that there would be no single cans of beer sold.
26 President Jones stated that there would be no single cans of beer sold. Trustee Ormsby
27 inquired as to whether or not Walgreens would have the 16-camera system up and
28 running by January 15th. President Jones stated that is what they are committed to do.
29 President Jones stated that there would be conversation between his office as Liquor
30 Commissioner, and Walgreens, with regard to the signing of the Liquor Licenses when
31 they have fulfilled their obligations.

32 President Jones stated that he has to structure the Motion a little bit more effectively.
33 **Motion by Trustee Gibson, second by Trustee Meyers-Martin to approve on Second**
34 **Reading, proposed Ordinance #2009-20, An Ordinance amending the Olympia**
35 **Fields Village Code, Section 4-9(2.1), "Hours of Sale," of Chapter 4, Article I,**
36 **Section 4-32, "Classes," by adding New Class B-3 thereto and Section 4-35,**
37 **"Maximum Number," of Chapter 4, Article II, "Licenses," of the Olympia Fields**
38 **Village Code; conditioned on fulfilling the Closed Circuit TV upgrades as specified**
39 **in the Memorandum from Hal Friend dated December 7, 2009 as attached, no later**
40 **than March 31, 2010.**

41
42 Administrator Mekarski stated that on the attached document that was prepared by the
43 Village Attorney, the schedule should indicate two, B-3 Classifications with the two
44 Walgreens.

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

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1 **2010 Federal Program Priorities** – Administrator Mekarski stated that this is still a
2 work in progress, but he wanted to keep the Board apprised of what this year's
3 submission from Olympia Fields would be to look for Federal Aid through the lobbyist
4 strategy which the Village shares with Matteson, Park Forest, and Richton Park. In the
5 Board Packet are the three priority Federal Projects. 1. The first project is to seek Federal
6 Funding for the Village's Lift Station Improvement Project. The total cost is
7 \$1,340,000.00. The request will be for \$737,000.00 which is 55% Federal, and the 45%
8 the Village would be looking to receive that from the 2.8 Million Dollar Bond Strategy.
9 The first project is to look at the ten sewer stations throughout the Village and upgrade
10 them.

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12 Administrator Mekarski stated that the next two projects are collaborative strategies.
13 Administrator Mekarski stated that the second priority is to work collaboratively with the
14 Village of Matteson and Park Forest. The request is for \$1,200,000.00 for Streetscape
15 Improvements along US Route 30. This focuses on Lincoln Highway improvements
16 along the corridor, and around the 211th Metra Facility. This includes lighting,
17 landscaping, signage, and beautification throughout that whole corridor.

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19 Administrator Mekarski stated that the third project is the South Suburban Coalition
20 Video Surveillance Project. This is a multi-phase project for the four Villages to emulate
21 our model in Olympia Fields and expand it to Park Forest, Matteson, and Richton Park.
22 They are requesting \$1,013,900.00 from the Department of Homeland Security for the
23 four Villages. There are two additional phases for future years to bring the Camera
24 Surveillance Project to a total of \$3,000,000.00.

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26 **Washington, D.C. Legislative Trip** – President Jones stated that they make two trips to
27 Washington, D.C. in a calendar year to support this strategy. Representatives from the
28 four communities go to Washington. President Jones is asking for a Board Member to go
29 with Administrator Mekarski to Washington, D.C. to represent the Village at the meeting
30 on February 22nd. Typically, they meet with Senator Durbin and his staff, Congressman
31 Jackson and his staff, and Senator Burris and his staff. He asked that any Trustees let him
32 know if they are interested in attending the meeting with Administrator Mekarski.

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34 **Announcement of Federal Grant Awards** – Administrator Mekarski stated that he is
35 very pleased to announce that the Village received information from its lobbyist in
36 Washington, D.C. that the Village will be receiving \$200,000.00 for technology
37 improvements for SouthCom. There is another \$100,000.00 for the four communities
38 Economic Development Marketing Study entitled "Campaign to Fight Retail Redlining."
39 Congressman Jackson called to inform the Village that it would receive \$194,000.00
40 from the Army Corp of Engineers for the Graymoor Pond Project.

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42 **Consolidated List of the Village's Liquor Licenses** – Administrator Mekarski stated
43 that the Liquor Clerk has compiled a schedule identifying the current classifications that
44 have been issued. The schedule lists the total fees collected yearly, and the location for
45 the classifications. The schedule also states the hours of sale at each location and whether
46 or not there are any restrictions in the shelving or marketing of that material.

1 President Jones stated that for the members of the audience, there are currently five active
2 Liquor Licenses in the Village, and with the approval of the two Walgreens this evening,
3 the Village would have seven active Liquor Licenses.

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5 Trustee Gibson inquired of President Jones as to whether or not the fee for Walgreens
6 would be a one lump fee, or for two separate locations. President Jones stated there is a
7 fee for each location. The fee is \$3,000.00 for each location.

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9 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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11 President Jones stated that he did not have anything further to report this evening.

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13 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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15 **Cellular Tower** – Trustee Nale inquired of President Jones as to whether or not a
16 decision has been made about the Cellular Tower. President Jones stated that will be
17 before the Board for a decision at the second meeting in January.

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19 **Thank you to Trustee Ormsby and the Beautification Committee** - Trustee Nale
20 stated that she wanted to thank Trustee Ormsby and the Beautification Committee for the
21 wonderful project that they just completed at the corner of Scott Drive and Kedzie
22 Avenue. She stated that it is outstanding and very pleasant to look at. Trustee Ormsby
23 stated that was done with AT&T money. Trustee Pennington stated that it is very nice.
24 President Jones stated that it is a very good job.

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26 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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28 **2010 Holiday Schedule** – President Jones stated that in the Board Packet is the list of
29 holidays that the Village will recognize in 2010. There are 12 holidays listed.

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31 **Annual Employee Holiday Luncheon** – President Jones stated that the Annual
32 Employee Holiday Luncheon is December 18th at 1:00 P.M. at Carlo's Lorenzetti's in
33 Chicago Heights. The Trustees are welcome to attend along with their spouses.

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35 **OFEHA in Partnership with the Village of Olympia Fields Holiday Party** – President
36 Jones reminded the Board that the holiday party which is a partnership between the
37 Olympia Fields East Homeowners Association and other Homeowners Associations in
38 the Village, along with the Village itself, is hosting a holiday party on December 19th at
39 the Olympia Fields Country Club starting at 6:00 P.M.

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41 **Wysteria Homeowners Association Luncheon** – Trustee Gibson stated that the
42 Wysteria Homeowners Association would host their annual luncheon at noon on
43 December 16th for the Department of Public Works, the police officers, and the office
44 staff.

1 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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

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5 **NEW START TIME FOR VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS:**

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7 President Jones stated that the Board changed the time of the Village Board Meetings.
8 Beginning with the Village Board Meeting on January 11th, 2010, all Village Board
9 Meetings will begin at 7:00 P.M.

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11 **Metra Parking Lot** – Trustee Gibson inquired of President Jones as to whether or not
12 there would be anything against requiring people that are parking in the Metra Parking
13 Lot to have change instead of dollars. He stated that would be a huge inconvenience to
14 the commuters. He stated that it would not be a bad idea to have a change machine.

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16 Trustee Pennington stated that one of the things that he is looking at is changing the
17 current structure that we have at the 211th Street Station and the 203rd Street Station and
18 put a token machine in. He stated that you would purchase the tokens and use the tokens
19 to pay for the parking. He stated that is a lot safer. He stated that a number of the
20 traditional change machines are being vandalized.

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22 **School Board Meeting at Huth for District 162** – President Jones stated that there
23 would be a meeting at Huth on December 15th at 7:30 P.M. A major announcement is
24 going to be made with respect to the efforts of District 162 to establish a Charter High
25 School in the Rich Township area.

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27 **School Board Meeting at Rich South** – President Jones stated that the Rich Township
28 High School District is holding a meeting at Rich South on December 15th at 7:30 P.M.
29 Many of the residents and members of the PTSO for Rich Central and other communities
30 are seeking to have two Motions considered by the School Board.

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32 Administrator Mekarski stated that the PTSO and the Education Commission has been
33 pushing the School Board to try to get a more open, Democratic, deliberative, community
34 driven process for the selection of the next Superintendent. This is very critical and it
35 may have an impact on the Village and everyone else for the next 10 to 20 years. The
36 first Motion is to setup a Stakeholder Review Committee composed of citizens, teacher
37 representatives, union representatives, key stakeholders in the community, business
38 leaders and elected officials from every jurisdiction that comes into the Village. The
39 stakeholder group would review the final six candidates and a recommendation would be
40 given to the School Board for them to make the final decision. The second Motion is to
41 have a group comprised of Superintendents from other successful high schools, the feeder
42 schools, representatives from the Illinois Board of Education, the South/Cook
43 Intermediary School District, teaching colleges and local universities. The group would
44 review the final candidates and provide recommendations to the School Board.

1 President Jones stated that we believe that both of those Motions will be formally on the
2 School Board Agenda tomorrow. He stated that we are inviting people to come out and to
3 express their views on these matters as well.

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5 **Happy Holidays** - President Jones wished everyone in the Village and in the audience
6 this evening, Happy Holidays. He thanked the Board for their good service for another
7 great year for the Village.

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9 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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11 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to adjourn at 8:05 P.M.**

12 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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14 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**