



1 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and all Ordinances of the Village of Olympia Fields, and that  
2 I will faithfully discharge the duties of the position of police officer to the best of my ability.”  
3 Village President Burke stated congratulations. (There was a round of applause).

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5 Village President Burke stated next will be the Sergeants. “I, Donald Dean, Michael Smith,  
6 having been appointed to the position of Sergeant, in the Village of Olympia Fields, in the  
7 County of Cook, the State of Illinois, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of  
8 the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and all Ordinances of the Village of  
9 Olympia Fields, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the position of police officer to  
10 the best of my ability.” Village President Burke stated congratulations. (There was a round of  
11 applause).

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13 Village President Burke stated I want you to know that the Board was just talking about this. We  
14 feel that we have the best police department in the whole southern suburbs. And the guys that  
15 you just saw get promoted, they are the core of what’s going on in our Village. One of the  
16 reasons that we were late, we were talking about the police department and the job that they’ve  
17 done. These promotions are very, very important to us. Every one of these guys, I’ve worked  
18 with them for the last five-years, and I’m very proud of them. Once again, let’s give them all a  
19 round of applause. (There was a round of applause).

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21 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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23 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, Second by Trustee Pennington to Dispense with the Reading of**  
24 **the Minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Board Meeting and Public Hearing; and to Approve the**  
25 **Minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Board Meeting and Public Hearing as Presented.**

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

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28 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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30 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, Second by Trustee Finley to Approve the Payment of Bills**  
31 **for June 2022, in the Total Amount of \$316,228.39.**

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

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34 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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36 Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine by the Village of Olympia Fields and will be  
37 enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these  
38 items. Any member of the Board of Trustees has the right to remove any item from the Consent  
39 Agenda. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda  
40 and placed as an action item on the Regular Agenda. The Consent Agenda item will be added to  
41 the end of the action items listed under the appropriate Trustee Liaison.

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43 **Ordinance #2022-11** – An Ordinance Approving the Village of Olympia Fields Governors  
44 Highway/Vollmer Road Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Plan and Program  
45 [First and Second Reading]

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1 **Ordinance #2022-12** – An Ordinance Designating the Village of Olympia Fields Governors  
2 Highway/Vollmer Road Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area [First  
3 and Second Reading]  
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5 **Ordinance #2022-13** – An Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Village of  
6 Olympia Fields Governors Highway/Vollmer Road Tax Increment Financing District [First and  
7 Second Reading]  
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9 **Ordinance #2022-14** – An Ordinance Approving a Certain Intergovernmental Agreement with  
10 School District No. 162 Regarding the Governors Highway/Vollmer Road Tax Increment  
11 Financing District [First and Second Reading]  
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13 Village President Burke stated next on the agenda, is a Consent Agenda. We have grouped a  
14 number of Ordinances all together. John Murphey is going to give a quick explanation of what  
15 these are all about.  
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17 Mr. Murphey stated before the Board are four Ordinances which are really the culmination of a  
18 process that started several months ago, which is to establish a Tax Increment Financing District  
19 for what we've called "The Governors Highway/Vollmer Road TIF District." Everybody has  
20 seen the map that is essentially like a boomerang around the perimeter of the property.  
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22 The four Ordinances in question, they're very close. Let me kind of explain them because one  
23 does involve an Intergovernmental Agreement. The first Ordinance approves the TIF Plan. That  
24 was the big document from Mr. Hoffman's office that this is the plan how we are going to  
25 redevelop the property. It's the road map. Ordinance number two is approving the redevelopment  
26 project area. That approves the geography, the map of the properties that will be included within  
27 the TIF District. TIF Ordinance number three is to approve tax increment financing. That's the  
28 concept that's at the essence of TIF, that redeveloped property that increases the value of that  
29 property above the base gets segregated into the TIF Fund, similar to what we have with  
30 Wal-Mart, which will be used for economic incentive purposes. The final Ordinance is the  
31 agreement that we negotiated with School District 162. Everybody recalls from the Public  
32 Hearing that we had, that the far eastern end of the TIF District is that area "The Coves," and the  
33 like, where the residents were concerned about residential development. We've zoned that  
34 property away from residential. The elementary district was rightly concerned that new  
35 construction of homes that would produce elementary school children, will not be producing any  
36 property tax revenue to offset the tuition costs. The agreement that we have with 162 that we are  
37 asking the Board to approve is if two things happen. If, number one, residential development  
38 occurs in the area, that's the only area we are really talking about, and number two, that  
39 residential development produces elementary aged children, then for each child in that District  
40 we will pay from the TIF an amount of money equal to their established tuition equivalent. I say,  
41 Part 1 and Part II. They're in the conjunctive. If there happens to be a residential development, a  
42 townhome or something that turns out to be an empty-nester product that does not produce  
43 elementary aged kids, there's no TIF payment. It requires both elements. I think it's a fair  
44 agreement. We're not incentivizing residential development. If that ends up taking place, it  
45 should be made whole. It's a fair deal. That's why we've lumped these Ordinances together.  
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1 Just a final comment. Remember, this is the end of the beginning. We're the government. We've  
2 set the table. We've provided an important tool that hopefully will allow areas that need  
3 revitalization to revitalize. All the TIF Ordinances in the world don't produce extra development.  
4 They don't produce extra property taxes. By doing this, we've done what we can as a  
5 government to encourage what we're looking for. And now it's our job to get that message out to  
6 the marketplace. We recommend adoption of the Ordinances. It can be done by a single vote.

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8 Village President Burke inquired whether or not there were any comments. He inquired whether  
9 or not everybody understands what we're doing. Village President Burke thanked Mr. Murphey.

10 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, Second by Trustee Oliver to Waive in First Reading and**  
11 **Adopt in Second Reading Ordinances No. 2022-11 through Ordinance No. 2022-14,**  
12 **Ordinances to Approve, Designate, and Adopt the Village of Olympia Fields Governors**  
13 **Highway/Vollmer Road Tax Increment Financing Project.**

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

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16 **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

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18 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

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20 **Resolution #2022-09** – A Resolution Appointing a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the  
21 Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) – Village President Burke stated next is a  
22 Resolution that we have to pass to appoint a Delegate and an Alternate to the IRMA Insurance  
23 Agency. IRMA's the guys that take care of all of our insurance issues. We have to make sure that  
24 we have people that are positioned by the Board to speak on our behalf. In this case, it is Village  
25 Administrator Savage and Betty Zigras, our Finance Director.

26 **Motion by Trustee Watkins, Second by Trustee Pennington to Approve Resolution No.**  
27 **2022-09 - A Resolution Appointing Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the**  
28 **Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA).**

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

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31 **Resolution #2022-10** – A Resolution to Join the South Suburban Land Bank and Development  
32 Authority and Appoint a Local Government Director – Village President Burke stated next is a  
33 Resolution for the Village to rejoin the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority;  
34 and appoint a Local Government Director. That Director is the Village Administrator Drella  
35 Savage.

36 **Motion by Trustee Blackwell, Second by Trustee Pennington to Approve Resolution No.**  
37 **2022-10 – A Resolution to Join and Appoint Drella Savage as Local Government Director**  
38 **to the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority.**

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

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41 **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER:**

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43 Village Administrator Savage stated I want to thank you for the opportunity to be of service to  
44 you, the Board, the Trustees, as well as the Village of Olympia Fields. I thank you for your vote  
45 of confidence in voting for me at the last meeting to give me this opportunity to do what I  
46 believe is a position of service.

1 I also want to indicate that I believe that I am part of a team. It's an excellent team. It's a small  
2 office. I've been working with some of the best people in the world. I did so when I was a Clerk  
3 here. The end of 2019, all of 2020 and part of 2021. I am happy to be back. We were doing a  
4 song the first couple of days, "Welcome Back Kotter," but Welcome Back Savage.

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6 One of the goals that I would like to have is to make sure we maintain the same level of  
7 efficiencies and effectiveness that we have been maintaining for years with all of our  
8 professional staff in place. It is already in place with very competent leadership and leadership  
9 team, and to see where we can make improvements and have best practices that we pass onto the  
10 staff who serve under all of the Directors.

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12 I will be working with the Village Attorney in terms of contracting union negotiations and  
13 implementations, and also, wherever I can to provide assistance to the Board of Trustees and the  
14 President if you ask me to do something. Trustee Oliver asked me to make sure that the website  
15 got up with the information about different safety issues. Most certainly I have an open-door  
16 policy, a telephone that you can ring in the office, or cellphone, or email at anytime at your  
17 service.

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19 I also want to point out that as a gatekeeper, a lot of people think that means keeping people out.  
20 But actually, gatekeepers also let people in, because gates swing both ways. So, ideally, there  
21 will be times where my role would involve mediating and moderating, and also receiving  
22 responses and/or complaints from residents. The goal is to make sure that we work towards  
23 solutions and make everything better.

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25 I consider myself a motivator, a cheerleader. I even got kicked out of a couple of my son's games  
26 because they said I was yelling too much. I will be yelling for everybody on this team called  
27 "Team, Village of Olympia Fields."

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29 My report, I can tell you I talked to everybody I was suppose to talk to. Answered everybody I  
30 was suppose to answer. Emailed everybody I was suppose to email. Attended every meeting I  
31 was suppose to attend. If you want more detail, most certainly I will give it to you.

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33 **Compensation Increases for Non-Union Employees** –Village Administrator Savage stated my  
34 main point that I'm asking for today, is that in our Executive Session we talked about matters of  
35 personnel which would only be talked about in the session. Most certainly we could not vote  
36 there. We had to come back into Open Session to vote. We are looking at giving COLA  
37 increases and bonuses to our directors, and COLA increases to our non-union staff. Money has  
38 already been set aside in the Budget. I am asking that in line with what we discussed since we  
39 have reconvened in Open Session, that someone supply a Motion that indicates that we are not to  
40 exceed \$85,000.00 for purposes of making sure that those raises will be implemented, and that  
41 those raises will go through for the Budget Year for 2023.

42 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, Second by Trustee Watkins to Authorize the use of up to**  
43 **\$85,000.00 for Pay Increases for Non-Union Employees for the Fiscal Year 2023.**

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

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46 Village Administrator Savage stated that I did want to add, under some unusual circumstances,  
47 health issues, turnover of staff, and things of that nature, that our directors and our staff really

1 held it together. In addition to that, we have a high index in terms of inflation and things of that  
2 nature. While it may be odd to do it this year, it most certainly is merited and its in the Budget.

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4 Village President Burke stated we all agree that this is the right thing to do for the employees  
5 here.

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7 Village Administrator Savage stated I just wanted to add, when I say “The Directors,” included  
8 in that group is the Chief although we know he is the Chief of Police. I am talking about Mr.  
9 McDonnell, Chief Blasingame, Ms. Zigras and Mr. Landini and their staff.

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11 Village President Burke thanked Village Administrator Savage. He stated we are glad to have  
12 you here.

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14 **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:**

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16 **Betty Zigras – Finance Director –**

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18 Ms. Zigras stated that she doesn’t have a formal report. Trustee Pennington will be presenting  
19 the March Financials. I would like to inform the Board that in the first two weeks of July we will  
20 have the Auditors onsite for their Fiscal 2022 Audit, and to remind the Board that you should  
21 have received a letter from the Auditors, and please send that back.

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23 **Derrick Blasingame – Chief of Police –**

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25 Chief Blasingame stated the guys that got promoted earned those promotions. It wasn’t given to  
26 them. They are well-deserved. I am happy with the direction that the police department is  
27 moving in. Morale is up. The guys are productive, getting out there addressing complaints. And  
28 overall doing a great job.

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30 Village President Burke stated we discussed that in the Executive Session that everybody felt  
31 that the police department is doing a yeoman’s job. He stated with your leadership, they’re  
32 really, really, really, coming around doing a great job.

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34 Trustee Finley inquired of Chief Blasingame if he could talk a little bit about being invested in  
35 the new equipment.

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37 Chief Blasingame stated we invested in the new equipment. That equipment has been deployed.  
38 In fact, I have some on my holster right now, a sensor that activates the cameras when you  
39 remove your weapon from your holster. We also deployed the new cameras, the new tasers. We  
40 also purchased four hybrid vehicles which we couldn’t have done at a better time. He stated with  
41 gas prices up the way they are, we are still saving money on gas. As you know, the regular eight-  
42 cylinder engines burn a lot of gas. He stated with all the new equipment and investment that we  
43 made in equipment, that also increases morale because guys know that you care about them and  
44 are taking care of the equipment. That technology is great. We are using all of it currently.

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46 Trustee Finley stated we have four hybrid cars now. And how many more? Chief Blasingame  
47 stated we budgeted to buy one car each year. Trustee Finley inquired of Chief Blasingame how

1 many cars totally do we have? Chief Blasingame stated I think nine. Trustee Finley stated so five  
2 to go.

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4 Village President Burke stated I don't think everybody really knows the gravity of what the  
5 Chief said about his sidearm. When that weapon is pulled out of the holster, it automatically  
6 turns the body camera on. That's not only to protect the Village, but it is also to protect the  
7 citizens. We will have a video image, and none of this stuff where somebody has to turn it on, or  
8 you can go do something without having it on. It comes on automatically when you pull out the  
9 gun. What about the taser?

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11 Chief Blasingame stated the same thing with the taser. Village President Burke stated the taser  
12 and the gun do not look alike. They are very different. So, what we've read and heard in the  
13 newspapers and where mistakes have been made, we've tried to mitigate that in the Village of  
14 Olympia Fields. That's not a problem. When the Chief said that helped add to the morale of the  
15 police officers, they understand that and they appreciate that. Chief Blasingame stated very much  
16 so.

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### 18 **John McDonnell – Building Commissioner**

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20 **VCA Final Plat Approval** – Mr. McDonnell stated you have on your agenda there is suppose to  
21 be Final Plat Approval for the VCA Hospital, which is the veterinarian clinic. They did not get  
22 all their paperwork in time to me. That will not be on the agenda tonight. I will talk about that  
23 project a little bit.

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25 Mr. McDonnell stated the VCA Animal Hospital is moving right along. They are on track and on  
26 schedule. They're working out their complications for their MWRD Permit. The Village can't  
27 issue a permit until that MWRD Permit is placed. They have to approve their stormwater  
28 management system with them before we'll issue a permit. As soon as they issue their permit,  
29 the Village is going to be ready to issue the Village's Building Permit. We already have the  
30 Architectural Plans for the building. Those plans are already in the process of being reviewed.  
31 When MWRD does give approval for that project, all we have to do is collect their check for  
32 their permit fees and they can start digging away. That's a good sign for the animal hospital.

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34 **Shawn Michelle's Ice Cream Shop** – Mr. McDonnell stated Shawn Michelle's Ice Cream Shop  
35 is coming to town. We've been talking about it, and talking about it. They are going to open up  
36 June 25<sup>th</sup>. That's a Saturday. I believe it's a soft open. I haven't heard anything that they are  
37 going to have a big soiree there or anything. They are planning to open on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

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39 **Lawrence's Fish & Shrimp** – Mr. McDonnell stated another update, Lawrence's Fish & Shrimp  
40 they are going to open up right next door to the ice cream shop. You can get yourself a shrimp  
41 dinner and have your dessert afterwards. I do not have a date of opening for them yet. They will  
42 not give it to me. They don't want to make any promises that they can't keep. Their problem is  
43 they are having equipment delivery problems. They are waiting on one more component which is  
44 the actual freezer box that is going to go inside the place. They have everything else except for  
45 that. They have a supply chain issue. They are permitted. You will see some activity over there.  
46 They have been permitted for all of the remodel work that they want to do. They should be  
47 opening shortly as well.

1 Village President Burke stated the facade in front of both of them, the Baskin Robins sign and  
2 Dunkin Donut' sign is gone today, as is the cleaners sign and the Bebo's sign. They got permits  
3 for all the signs. They should be putting the signs up pretty quick.  
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5 Mr. McDonnell stated again, those are supply chain issue type things also. Everything is LED  
6 lighting now. We don't make much of that here in the United States. Someday maybe we will.  
7 Those are my updates.  
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9 Trustee White inquired of Mr. McDonnell whether or not he is in regular communication with  
10 the owners of the ice cream shop. Mr. McDonnell stated yes. Trustee White inquired can you  
11 find out from them if they would like to do any type of public announcement, or anything like  
12 that to announce that they will be opening? If so, I think there are some ways we might be able to  
13 help. Mr. McDonnell stated yes. I believe, the Village President, we have been talking about it  
14 with the Economic Development Commission, and talking with them about when they would  
15 like to do that for all places. A nice groundbreaking ceremony for the VCA Animal Hospital. A  
16 nice Grand Opening for both the fish place and the ice cream shop.  
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18 Village President Burke stated we can talk. Naomi has already setup a couple newspapers to be  
19 out here for the Grand Opening. I know that's in place. The owners have already advertised all  
20 over the internet and a bunch of other places that they will be opening up. I'll bring you up to  
21 speed on it.  
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23 Trustee Finley inquired of Mr. McDonnell whether or not we have statutory signage for that  
24 commercial area. Mr. McDonnell stated there are large monument signs for there and Bizios  
25 Plaza also. Trustee Finley inquired what does it say? Mr. McDonnell stated it has the name of all  
26 of the businesses on there, as well as Butterfield Plaza on the top. Trustee Finley stated thank  
27 you.  
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### 29 **Jim Landini – Director of Public Works**

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31 Mr. Landini stated I have a few minor updates. Trustee Finley will have a couple more things to  
32 update you on. Just for today, for Trustee Oliver, we completed the watermain break in his  
33 neighborhood around 6:40 tonight. We knocked out a significant amount of restorations in front  
34 of residential homes from watermain breaks over the last few months and over the wintertime.  
35 Those are almost complete. The engineering is almost complete on the Road Resurfacing  
36 Program for this year. I should have an answer in about a week of when we are going out to bid  
37 for that program. Again, expect higher prices. And we will make the decision at that point just  
38 because of the cost of petroleum products. Asphalt is pretty high right now. They are doing all  
39 the engineering and all of the land surveying for the swales in the adjacent road project. I will  
40 have that in about a week.  
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42 Trustee Watkins wanted to thank Jim for his turnaround time in filling the potholes in The Trails  
43 of Olympia Fields. It was literally within 48-hours. Thank you for that.  
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45 Mr. Landini stated and to that point, because of the heat, we are seeing some buckling in roads,  
46 especially on Vollmer Road. I just called that in before the meeting to the County. We are going  
47 to be going out in the next couple of days to all of our roads again, and probably fill in any kind



1 of potholes or any kind of damage that has happened. If anybody sees anything or knows  
2 anything, please give us a call and we will be out there to take care of it.

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4 Mr. Landini stated update on the Fixed-Point Water Meter Reading System. The transmitter for  
5 reading water meters was installed on our West Tower on May 19<sup>th</sup>. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we connected  
6 electric to the transmitter. Today, I just received the modem, which is the communication device  
7 so we can start downloading information to the transmitter. That will get installed next week.  
8 Once that is installed, we can start testing the system, and start seeing how it works, and how we  
9 want it to work, what kind of data we can pull. We will get training on it. Once everything is up  
10 and running and we start testing, we are looking at about a month and a half, to two-months to  
11 fully get a grasp of it, and understand its capabilities and how to use it, and then we can go into  
12 implementation of how we want to read meters officially for the Village.

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14 At the last Board Meeting we had about 81 residential meters that were left to install. As of  
15 today, we have 62 meters left with 10 more meters scheduled through Friday. That will bring us  
16 down to about 52 meters. These are the people we have been trying to reach for about a year,  
17 year and a half. We've just been really aggressive now, just going up to the doors, knocking,  
18 calling, leaving letters. We are finally getting a good response. Some of it the property has  
19 changed hands. People aren't available. We will be installing these in off hours when they are  
20 available, on weekends. It's more whenever the resident can be there, we will be there to install  
21 it. Hopefully, it is going to match up very well with having everything done and the tower up and  
22 ready to go.

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24 Village Administrator Savage stated that she would like to add to that, showing you how well the  
25 departments are working together. That's John McDonnell's department with Reggi. We also  
26 gave him the list. As he was doing his drive-by, he was talking to neighbors. So, it's like, "What  
27 are you doing? Am I in trouble?" He's like, well, not really, but you know we kind of need that  
28 water meter. So, everybody has been working together.

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30 Mr. Landini stated we are moving along at a much better pace than we were in the past. I am  
31 pretty confident we can get this all done.

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33 Trustee Finley stated this is pushing us even closer to our shared goal of moving Olympia Fields  
34 away from being the mechanical Village to the automated Village. As Jim explained how the  
35 system works, the transmitter on the top of the water tower sends a signal to the radio on a house  
36 and says, "Wake up. Talk to me. How much water are we using?" When the radio reports back,  
37 then the transmitter sends that information to the Cloud. Jim's department doesn't have to drive  
38 around anymore with a wand and doing all that sort of thing that had to be done. It is going to  
39 make it so that the water bills are not only accurate, but the data is collected more quickly. There  
40 is less of a stress with the business of trying to give people a timely water bill.

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42 Mr. Landini stated the other thing, the ultimate is the protection for the residents that we can  
43 catch issues going on in homes almost immediately, rather than a 60-day window from reading  
44 the reading. That's going to save residents a ton of money. And we can help notify those things  
45 in real time almost.

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1 Trustee Finley stated the only disappointment that I have, is that I asked Jim Landini to let me  
2 climb the ladder to the water tower to the top. So far, he hasn't found his way to yes. Mr. Landini  
3 stated I am not going to be responsible for that. Trustee Finley stated I'm working on it.  
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5 **TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**  
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7 **Planning & Zoning Commission/Human Resources – Trustee Blackwell**  
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9 **Planning & Zoning Commission** - Trustee Blackwell stated the VCA that John talked about,  
10 eventually that is probably going to come to the Planning Board. We'll probably have a meeting  
11 to approve whatever they laid out there after John goes through all the preliminaries with them.  
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13 **Human Resources** – Trustee Blackwell stated that Human Resources is going to meet on June  
14 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be our third meeting. We had one remote and one in-person. This particular  
15 meeting will be our second in-person meeting. We are going through some ideas, plans, and  
16 some development that the President has asked us to pursue. I feel like we are on the right track,  
17 particularly with Drella Savage stepping up as Chief of Staff, to help lead us through some of the  
18 things that we need to take a look at.  
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20 **Public Works/Beautification – Trustee Finley**  
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22 **Beautification Committee** – Trustee Finley stated the viewing of the nominees for the  
23 Landscape Awards is going to be on July 13<sup>th</sup>. What is important about that is, what they will be  
24 looking at is the “curb appeal.” It's the front of the house. The front of the yards. They don't go  
25 around the back to do that. I just want to remind everybody that the 2021 winners were from  
26 Olympia Fields East, First Place; 16 Graymoor, Second Place; and Third Place, Vienna Woods.  
27 These were splendid presentations of the landscape and what you can do for the front of the  
28 house, and to the beauty of the Village. We are looking forward to the outcomes of this year's  
29 competition.  
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31 Village President Burke stated maybe one of the first things we want to make sure that Jessica  
32 does in concert with what she's trying to do, let people know to make sure they cut their grass to  
33 be ready to go and be judged.  
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35 **Public Safety/Police Pension – Trustee Oliver**  
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37 **Public Safety** – Trustee Oliver stated if you recall, we did not have a report by the Board  
38 Members at the last meeting. But two months ago, I had the opportunity to work with the  
39 Beautification Committee on a Clean-Up Day. That to me, has changed my view of how I see the  
40 Village at least right now. I have now seen that there is so much trash, so much litter throughout  
41 the Village. More so along the arteries like Western, Lincoln Highway, and Governors Highway.  
42 I went and looked at other areas. It's just trash all over. It's just the norm that people throw  
43 things out the window. Because I have become so conscious of this now, I see it everywhere. I  
44 brought it to the attention of the Public Safety Committee two months ago. We had conversations  
45 about what could or could not happen. Our concern is the enforcement of littering is just so  
46 difficult to do. If nothing else, I'm hoping that the Board hears today. Maybe it becomes part of  
47 your conscious as well how nasty the Village really looks. I just don't know what to do. We

1 don't know just yet what to do to ameliorate some of these issues. In fact, it almost seems like to  
2 me some folks said, "Well, this is Olympia Fields, Ugh." So, they just throw things out the  
3 window.

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5 The day that they had the clean-up, I think you all heard that they also found a weapon on the  
6 streets. I only bring this up because the Public Safety Committee is looking at ways that we can  
7 do something. Even if nothing ever happens, we are looking at ways to do something. Maybe for  
8 instance, broadcast in a positive way how clean the Village is, and how well we regard  
9 cleanliness here in our Village. We are also going to be looking at the current Ordinance to see  
10 what the fines are for littering. Maybe we won't catch anyone. But we may have to take a look at  
11 that Ordinance and see if we might be able to double that.

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13 It's the same way with dog poop. I don't want to steal the thunder from Trustee Watkins. But I  
14 should also say, it's the same issue with dog poop all over the place. Trustee Watkins stated  
15 that's part of my report. Trustee Oliver stated I will add to your report and will leave it at that  
16 until such time.

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18 Trustee Oliver stated the reason we didn't meet last month was because I was on vacation and  
19 Chief Blasingame was on vacation. He stated while Chief Blasingame was on vacation, we had  
20 five trucks one day go under the underpass and had to be ticketed. I don't know if you heard  
21 about that or not. That's another issue. I believe that the Ordinance only fined them something  
22 like \$50.00. I think that some of these fines may need to be revisited for the Board to look at how  
23 do we increase these fines. That is something that is so much easier to get a hold of to do  
24 something about than the litter, but we are still going to work on something.

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26 You'll be hearing more down the road. We don't expect anything regarding the litter and all of  
27 that kind of stuff to be attended to, but we're not giving up either. You'll be hearing something  
28 from time to time. I'll explore some other things.

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30 **Police Pension** – Trustee Oliver stated we did not have Pension Board Meeting, so I have  
31 nothing to report on that issue.

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33 Village President Burke inquired of Chief Blasingame whether or not he did a report on the M-  
34 Tickets. Chief Blasingame stated the new tickets that we have, I reported on it at the last Board  
35 Meeting.

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37 Village President Burke stated we passed an Ordinance that allows the Village to give tickets  
38 that will be reviewed in Court in the Village of Olympia Fields. Those tickets are \$250.00. Chief  
39 Blasingame stated \$250.00 for the first offense, \$500.00 for the second. Village President Burke  
40 stated the trash that you are talking about, Kelvin, I don't see the Village as being all trashed up.  
41 Up and down the County roads and the State roads, people are throwing things out. Inside the  
42 box it is pretty clean. People who are driving around on the arteries that are the State Highway  
43 like Western, Crawford, Vollmer Road, and 211<sup>th</sup> Street, there's trash. That's where the trash  
44 stuff primarily is.

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46 One of the things that I'm going to ask that the Beautification Committee has to stay on the  
47 County.

1 Trustee Watkins stated Commissioner Sims, when I was on the Beautification Committee, I had  
2 a relationship with Commissioner Sims and I would go out and meet with her. I had her set on a  
3 schedule to come out and clean those County Roads. I know she is up for retirement. I know  
4 there is an election coming up. I don't know if maybe it is getting pushed back or pushed to the  
5 side. That definitely worked out really well.

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7 Village President Burke stated if more people are writing in about it, and if the Committee is  
8 doing it. We need to have a call and write-in by as many citizens as possible. We have 1800  
9 households. Some people think the Village should be cleaning it up. The part inside of the box, I  
10 call it, is relatively clean. The problem is around the outside. The State and County people are  
11 the ones falling down on the job. I think, M-tickets, we can write tickets for people littering. If  
12 we see somebody littering, we ought to take a picture. If you can't take a picture, get a license  
13 plate number. We can have a citizen's complaint to the police department. We probably need to  
14 get that out to the public too, that if they see people littering, the police are doing a great job of  
15 going after people who are violating the laws around here. As far as littering is concerned, we  
16 want to get people on a letter writing campaign. We'll do it. If you see somebody that is  
17 throwing stuff out the window, take a picture on the cellphone and give that to the police  
18 department and they will issue a ticket. We don't want anybody playing cowboy trying to tell  
19 somebody not to do something. But at the same time, if you see something, say so. It is all of our  
20 duty to do this.

21  
22 **Finance/Building Department – Trustee Pennington**

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24 **March 2022 Financial Statements** – Trustee Pennington stated tonight I will be reporting the  
25 financial results for the eleventh month period ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. We are now in our  
26 eleventh month. The following constitutes the finance and expenses for that period. Beginning  
27 with the General Fund, our actual revenue for this period was \$6,433,007.00 against a budgeted  
28 figure of \$6,011,121.00, or 7% favorable to Budget Plan. Our General Fund Expenses for this  
29 period were 6% favorable to Budget. We projected March Expenses at \$5,836,150.00. Actual  
30 Expenses incurred for this period was \$5,501,336.00. Our current month Fund Balance Actual, is  
31 a surplus \$931,641.00. There was a Budget transfer of \$312,500.00 to our Village Capital  
32 Projects initiative during this period. Our Fiscal Year to date actual plus encumbrance in the  
33 General Fund is a surplus \$619,391.00.

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35 Trustee Pennington stated with respect to our Water Fund, Water Revenue exceeded Budget Plan  
36 by \$333,515.00, or 14% of Plan. We budgeted the sum of \$2,057,191.00 in Revenue, and  
37 realized \$2,390,705.00 in actual Revenue. Our Expenses in the Water Fund were 3% unfavorable  
38 to Budget Plan for March. We budgeted the amount of \$2,000,125.00 for Expenses, and incurred  
39 \$2,059,865.00 in Actual Expenses. This resulted in a fund deficit in the amount of \$59,740.00.  
40 Our Fiscal Year to Date Actual plus encumbrance in the Water Fund however, is a surplus  
41 \$330,840.00. The overall impact to the Sewer Budget is a positive \$273,775.00.

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43 Trustee Pennington stated with respect to our Sewer Fund, our Revenue Budget for March was  
44 set at \$1,470,700.00. We realized Actual Revenue in the amount of \$1,573,237.00, or 7%  
45 favorable to Plan. Sewer Expenses were favorable to Budget Plan by 16%. \$1,399,929.00 was  
46 budgeted for Sewer Expenses. We incurred \$1,176,146.00 in actual Expenses. This resulted in an

1 operating fund surplus in the Sewer Fund of \$397,091.00. Our Fiscal Year to Date Actual plus  
2 encumbrance is a surplus \$397,091.00 in this fund.

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4 As we can see, all funds are in surplus status, and should remain in surplus status at the end of  
5 this Fiscal Year, which will come out in my April's report.

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7 In your packet is our statement with respect to cash balances. They have not deviated from the  
8 prior month. They are also in line with what we've been focusing on in the last period. You have  
9 a detailed listing of the Revenues and Expenses. If you have any questions regarding those, I am  
10 ready to take any questions and/or comments.

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## 12 **Park District/Library Board – Trustee Watkins**

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14 **Library Board** – Trustee Watkins stated the Library Board has resumed in-person meetings.  
15 The last meeting was scheduled to be held at the Village Hall on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. They had to  
16 move to the library due to not having access to the building. In the past this has not been a  
17 problem. Due to this, I am making a recommendation that future meetings be held at the library.

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19 The library Summer Reading kicked off on May 28<sup>th</sup>. She stated 37 families attended the kick-  
20 off program. The library is also celebrating Juneteenth the week of June 13<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> by  
21 hosting a Book Giveaway for Kids and Adults. Registration is now open.

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23 The library weekly programs run through the end of July which are all posted on the calendar on  
24 their website at [pfpl.org/calendar](http://pfpl.org/calendar). The next Olympia Fields Library Board Meeting will be  
25 Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 7:30 P.M.

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27 **Park District** – Trustee Watkins stated Summer Camp is in full swing at the Park District. They  
28 have a waiting list for the first three weeks. The Park District will be placing Doggie Poop  
29 Stations at all parks coming soon, and a new playground at Sergeant Means will open at the end  
30 of the month. There will be a new playground, pavilion, and Fitness Stations. We are  
31 encouraging everyone in our community to visit.

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33 The Park District in partnership with the Emmaus Community Church will be presenting  
34 "Playlist in the Park." A concert series every Wednesday, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. For more  
35 information on this concert, please call 708-481-7025.

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37 Village President Burke stated if you guys haven't driven by the Park District, especially over on  
38 203<sup>rd</sup> Street there are a million little kids out there. He stated for everybody to say that we are  
39 more of a senior neighborhood, there's a lot of little kids running around this town now. A lot  
40 more than what we've had in a long time. It's refreshing to see it because there are so many of  
41 them out there. The Park District has done a really good job of recruiting and getting kids.

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43 Trustee Watkins stated and marketing to our neighboring communities too, because a lot of kids  
44 are coming from neighboring communities. They're doing a great job.

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46 Village President Burke stated I drove by there yesterday. I said, "Where are these kids coming  
47 from?" Tons of them. We are probably going to have to do some re-engineering about some

1 programs and things that we can do for those kids. You had a lot of little kids at the Christmas  
2 event.

3  
4 Trustee Watkins stated it's such a great thing. I actually referred five graduating students to have  
5 their proms there, their prom send-offs there. It worked out really well.

6  
7 Village President Burke inquired of Trustee White where did you get that Olympia Fields  
8 Monopoly Board Game? Trustee White stated it was available at Wal-Mart. Village President  
9 Burke stated it's pretty cool. Do you have one? Trustee White stated yes, we have it. The picture  
10 I showed you, it was on my desk. Village President Burke stated we need to come up with some  
11 kind of little program or something. Maybe we can get something from the Park District, the  
12 library. Maybe we can get so many of them that we want to give out to the Homeowners  
13 Associations, or have a Monopoly Game Night.

14  
15 **Educational Commission/Community Relations Commission – Trustee White**

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17 **Educational Commission** – Trustee White stated with regards to the Educational Commission,  
18 there is no news to report. We did not hold our last meeting. Actually, off-line, Mr. President, we  
19 will probably need to have a discussion regarding the Educational Commission.

20  
21 **Community Relations Commission** – Trustee White stated with regards to the Community  
22 Relations Commission, the CRC is planning on obtaining several copies of the Monopoly Game,  
23 and pass out copies of the game to the local HOAs. We are looking at sponsoring a game night  
24 with Trustee Watkins and Mr. Vargas over at the Park District.

25  
26 Village President Burke inquired of Trustee White how much the games are. Trustee White  
27 stated I will have to find out how much it was. Village President Burke stated we should get a  
28 supply of those. We could possibly distribute them. Trustee White stated they are \$19.98.

29  
30 Trustee Finley stated when we moved into Wysteria we had a formal visit from the HOA  
31 leadership, telling us things we needed to know about living there. They also gave us some gifts.  
32 Part of the thought is that when people come in and move in, in addition to all the rules and  
33 regulations. Trustee Watkins stated that's a great idea. Village President Burke stated when they  
34 come in to register for water, we could give them an Olympia Fields Board Game.

35  
36 **National Night Out** - Trustee White stated the Community Relations Commission is in the  
37 throes of getting pretty busy. We had a meeting recently with Officer Chatman and Officer  
38 Dugan regarding National Night Out that many police departments have across the country. It is  
39 August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are suppose to be pretty good at throwing events. They have reached out to us  
40 about assisting with that. We asked them to put a plan together in terms of what their scope and  
41 vision is for it, so that we can try to balance what their vision is, with what we are actually able  
42 to put together. We are definitely going to try to make that happen. It is a community/police  
43 relationship building event. We have a lot of great new officers here in the Village. I think it  
44 would be great to formally introduce them.

45  
46 Village President Burke inquired of Trustee White where you are thinking about having this?  
47 Trustee White stated I think their preference is at Bicentennial Park. I need to reach out to

1 Officer Chatman. I need to get her plan and scope. We talked about it preliminarily, food, music,  
2 and all of that. I want to get an idea in terms of what they want to do versus telling them what to  
3 do. I will reach back out to her tomorrow to find out where they are with that.  
4

5 Trustee White stated I had a call Friday with the Park District regarding an event for October.  
6 Looking at putting together an October Fest with beer and all that. We are looking at helping to  
7 put that together for October. And possibly one or two other small events.  
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9 Trustee White stated to follow back up with something that Trustee Oliver was talking about  
10 with regards to the Village cleanliness, I think it might be worthwhile for the Beautification  
11 Committee to put together not just one Annual Clean-Up, but maybe do something seasonal. You  
12 mentioned the major corridors. I can tell you unequivocally, Kedzie by 207<sup>th</sup> you will see that it  
13 is bad for what we envision for the Village. Trustee Oliver stated its atrocious. Trustee White  
14 stated when we did the last clean-up, that was the stretch that I and a couple of my neighbors, we  
15 ended up having to get a couple more bags because it was that bad. If we can coordinate  
16 something between Public Safety, Beautification, and maybe the Community Relations  
17 Commission, it might be worthwhile to at least do that if not quarterly, then at the beginning of  
18 spring, towards the end of summer after it starts to cool down a little bit. Those are the major  
19 initiatives that we are engaged in right now. October Fest will be the next “big thing” that we are  
20 looking at doing.  
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22 Trustee Watkins inquired of Trustee White with the October Fest are we going to work with the  
23 HOA Presidents to make sure that some of our neighbors get this information? Trustee White  
24 stated I think after the call on Friday, it should be a full court press. I’ve been trying to  
25 communicate to our team if you are planning an event, and you are planning an event well, if it is  
26 going to turn out well, you don’t wait until three or four weeks before something to start  
27 building. Trustee Watkins stated you do it now. Trustee White stated yes.  
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29 Trustee Finley stated with the Clean-Up, I worked with the kids’ team. Two of them were my  
30 grandkids. She stated what I noticed about the pattern of trash; it was particularly intense  
31 somewhere where there was a commercial activity going on. Some of it clearly started there and  
32 blew to where it was caught, which was by our greenery. It blew out of the parking lot, and then  
33 across the street and they get caught up in our greenery. Some part of this also includes Reggi  
34 being extra interested in how clean our commercial strips are keeping their parking lots. Mr.  
35 McDonnell stated I agree.  
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### 37 **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:**

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39 **Traveling Vietnam War Memorial** - Trustee Pennington stated as was announced a couple of  
40 meetings ago, Bloom Township is sponsoring and hosting the traveling Vietnam War Memorial.  
41 It’s going to be in the region beginning on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and run through Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.  
42 Bloom Township is hosting this. “We,” the Board, are invited to the kick-off on July 7<sup>th</sup> at  
43 Marian Catholic High School. This is the setup area where the Vietnam Memorial will be  
44 stationed. We are all invited to go and meet with them at 1:00 P.M. on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Apparently, there  
45 is going to be a caravan of motorcycles, Veterans, and other individuals who might want to take  
46 part in this venture beginning on July 5<sup>th</sup>. This is where the parade will begin. It is going to go  
47 throughout the various communities. It will start in Lansing and end up in Chicago Heights at

1 Marian Catholic High School. I just wanted to make that known. I think it would be a good idea  
2 to get this onto our website. I have a list of the individuals who were in the old Olympia Fields  
3 Veterans Association. I have begun to reach out to them by way of telephone calls and emails. I  
4 have not received any responses as of yet. I will continue in my efforts to get some of the  
5 Olympia Fields Veterans involved and let them know about this.

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7 My Veterans Group, the “Bridging the Gap” group will be there on the 7<sup>th</sup>. I see two other  
8 Veterans in this group. Perhaps they can be participants as well. I just wanted to make that  
9 announcement. I’ll see that Drella gets this so she can do whatever she needs to do to put it on  
10 the website.

11  
12 Village Administrator Savage inquired of Trustee Pennington whether or not they will have a  
13 sign-up for the parade. Trustee Pennington stated it doesn’t say in the letter. State Representative  
14 DeLuca is hosting a lunch for Veterans on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 P.M. It starts at 11:00 A.M.  
15 and ends at 1:00 P.M. It’s a Veterans Lunch and honoring the Veterans of all wars.

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17 Trustee Oliver stated I want to piggyback off of something that Trustee Watkins brought up  
18 regarding the Doggie Poop Receptacles that the Park District is championing. It’s because of a  
19 meeting the Homeowners Association in The Trails had with them to remedy a problem that they  
20 were having regarding dog poop that they came up with this idea. I approached Jesus about this  
21 for 207<sup>th</sup> Street. It was right around their budget time. They indicated they had enough monies to  
22 do one more park and they were thinking about Sergeant Means. It’s really nice to know that  
23 they are actually going to be doing this throughout all of the parks. It’s really moving towards a  
24 dog friendly environment. The Park District is taking the ownership of putting up these little  
25 receptacles, including the bags, so that the owners who are walking their dogs, if they don’t have  
26 a bag, they can do that, and then drop it at that place. They are going to maintain all of that with  
27 the budget that they have. They are moving towards that, which really means looking at those  
28 who are not cleaning up after their pets, we have to get them. We’ve got to get them.

29  
30 Trustee Watkins stated the Park District started their new budget. If you notice something that  
31 needs to be done, whether it’s a tree that needs to be cutdown and it’s on Park District property,  
32 or if there are signs that you see that are not up to par, because I know the signs in The Trails, I  
33 called Jesus about that. He is replacing all the signs within The Trails. So, if you notice  
34 something that is not being done, please reach out to me so I can talk to Jesus about it and get it  
35 done. They are doing a great job. He is willing to help the entire community in any way that he  
36 can.

37  
38 Trustee Oliver stated I just hope that you look out your window sometime. There is a lot of trash  
39 out here.

40  
41 Trustee White stated I want to follow-up with that. I know within The Original Village that has  
42 been an issue, whether it’s Triangle Park or the stretch along 207<sup>th</sup>. Would the Village have any  
43 willingness, let’s say if the HOA’s were to supply those receptacles?

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45 Village President Burke stated in all seriousness, if somebody on our staff goes out to see how  
46 much these things cost, we have several grants. Trustee Watkins stated I have a quote. Village  
47 President Burke stated we have several grants. We have a grant if your sewage backs up in your



1 basement. We have that allocated in the budget. We have a grant for \$1,000.00 going to the  
2 Homeowners Association for beautification. I don't see where we couldn't carve out some  
3 money to have Poop Receptacles in every subdivision.

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5 Trustee White stated the other side of that is the receptacles go in. Village President Burke stated  
6 somebody has to empty it. Trustee White stated that's the other part of it. We put them in, people  
7 fill them up.

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9 Village President Burke inquired of Trustee Watkins they are putting them in your  
10 neighborhood. Trustee Watkins stated they are putting them in, but it is going to be on the Park  
11 District property, not on the homeowner's property. Village President Burke stated somewhere  
12 between Trustee White and Trustee Watkins, and you, come up with an idea of how we do this.  
13 Trustee Watkins stated we'll talk. Village President Burke stated if there is a problem, and you  
14 see somebody doing this, you need to let the police know. We have these tickets we can give  
15 people. If you make the fine big enough, people will stop letting it happen.

16  
17 Trustee White stated in The Original Village it is a recurring theme. Village President Burke  
18 inquired of Trustee White are you sure it's not the deer? Trustee White stated I am sure it's not  
19 the deer. Village President Burke stated I had a deer being born in my backyard the other day. I  
20 have pictures and everything. We can look into this. The staff and I will look into it to see how  
21 we do this. These things can't be that expensive. The biggest hurdle is how do you get rid of it.

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23 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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25 Village President Burke opened up Public Comment at 8:30 P.M. He stated we don't have any  
26 Public Comments.

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28 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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30 **Resignations:**

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32 **Robert McCullough – Human Resources Committee**

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34 **Delores Woods – Educational Commission**

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36 Village President Burke stated there are no Appointments. Robert McCullough and Delores  
37 Woods both turned in their Resignation. We are going to send them a letter thanking them for  
38 their service.

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40 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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42 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, Second by Trustee White to Adjourn the Board Meeting at**  
43 **8:30 P.M.**

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

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46 Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.

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