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MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Held on December 14, 2022

5 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 14th, 2022.
6 The meeting was called to order by Village President Sterling M. Burke at 7:06 P.M. The
7 assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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9 Present: Trustees – Watkins, Oliver, Pennington, Blackwell, Finley, and White (Telephonically)
10 Village President Sterling M. Burke
11 Village Administrator/Chief of Staff, Drella Savage
12 Village Clerk Stephanie Mills
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14 Absent: None.

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16 Trustee Blackwell inquired are you going to mention on the record that Trustee White is
17 attending via the telephone, as he has been excused because of illness? Village President Burke
18 stated I will. Village President Burke stated a point of reference, Trustee White is out with the
19 Corona Virus. He will not be attending in person. A Board member may participate in a meeting
20 by video or audio conference if the Board member’s absence is necessitated by a person’s illness,
21 or disability of that Board member. In this case, Trustee White is on the line and will be
22 participating remotely. We have a quorum.

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24 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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26 Approval of the Minutes from the November 9th, 2022, Board of Trustees Meeting and the
27 November 30th, 2022, Special Board of Trustees Meeting -

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29 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, Second by Trustee Pennington to Dispense with the Reading of**
30 **the Minutes from the November 9th, 2022, Board of Trustees Meeting and the Minutes**
31 **from the November 30th, 2022, Special Board of Trustees Meeting; and to Approve the**
32 **Minutes of the November 9th, 2022, Board of Trustees Meeting and the Minutes of the**
33 **November 30th, 2022, Special Board of Trustees Meeting as Presented.**

34 Roll Call: Ayes (6-0) Motion Carried.
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36 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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38 **December Bills for Approval - \$1,009,255.40 -**

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40 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, Second by Trustee Watkins to Approve the Payment of**
41 **Bills for December 2022, in the Total Amount of \$1,009,255.40.**

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

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46 **Report of the Village President – Sterling M. Burke**
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1 **Proclamation** – Village President Burke stated next on the agenda, is kind of a glorious moment
2 and at the same time a very sad moment for all of us. Faith Stine, our Stenographer is retiring
3 after nine million years in service. I have a Proclamation from the Village that I want to read.
4 The “Proclamation is In Honor of Faith Stine Willard.

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6 We, the Village of Olympia Fields, honor our long-time transcriptionist Faith Stine Willard.

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8 **WHEREAS** Faith Stine Willard began her career as a court reporter in April 1974 with the
9 Criminal Division of the Lake Superior Court in Crown Point, Indiana.

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11 **WHEREAS** Faith established her own court reporting business in April of 1978.

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13 **WHEREAS** Faith began her tenure as a transcriptionist for the Village of Olympia Fields’
14 Planning and Zoning Commission in March 1995.

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16 **WHEREAS** Faith began providing transcription services to the Village’s Board of Trustees in
17 January 2009.

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19 **WHEREAS** Faith has also provided transcription services to the Village’s Education
20 Commission.

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22 **WHEREAS** Faith has provided exceptional transcription services to the Village of Olympia
23 Fields for 27 years.

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25 **WHEREAS** Faith has indicated her intention to retire from service to the Village of Olympia
26 Fields, effective the end of December 2022.

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28 **THEREFORE** Be it resolved that the Village of Olympia Fields extends its deep appreciation
29 and gratitude to Faith Stine Willard for her long-standing, dedicated and devoted service to the
30 Village and its residents.

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32 Respectfully submitted this 14th day of December, 2022. President Sterling M. Burke and the
33 Board of Trustees Village of Olympia Fields.” (There was a round of applause). Ms. Stine stated
34 thank you.

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36 Village President Burke stated we have a little going away present for Faith. “Presented to Faith
37 Stine Willard For 27 Years of Outstanding Service as Planning & Zoning Commission
38 Transcriptionist from 1995 to 2022, and the Board of Trustees Transcriptionist from 2009 to
39 2022. Your Dedication and Commitment to the Board and the Community Will Be Greatly
40 Missed. Good Luck and Best Wishes to You!” This is a wonderful plaque for her. (There was a
41 round of applause). Ms. Stine stated thank you.

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43 Ms. Stine stated the following: “Good evening, everyone. To President Burke, Village
44 Administrator Savage, the Board of Trustees: In my 48 years of court reporting, I have been very
45 fortunate to meet and work with a lot of terrific people, and that includes all of you. I want to
46 thank President Burke, Village Administrator Savage, and the Board for the opportunity to work
47 with all of you. It has been an honor and a privilege. I want to thank the Board, and all of you,

1 the Department Heads, and the Office Staff, Naomi, Nicole, Reggi, Lisa, for everything that they
2 have done for me over the years. I've had to call and email all of you at one point. I don't think
3 anybody has missed an email from me to clarify something, or a name. I appreciate the help so
4 much.

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6 Trustee Pennington and Trustee Oliver, I've worked with the two of you the longest as Trustees.
7 Trustee Blackwell, my tenure with you started when you were Chairman of the Plan
8 Commission. It has been a pleasure to work with everybody here at the Village.

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10 I've been through four Administrations at the Village. I was always warmly welcomed and I
11 appreciated that. I've also had the opportunity to learn a lot of things. When you take the
12 Planning & Zoning Commission meetings you see how things start out on paper with plans and
13 then when they come to fruition. At the Board level I've gotten to see what all of you do to make
14 the Village a well-oiled, well-run machine. You all work so hard, and you put so much effort and
15 commitment, and dedication, and passion in what you do. It is not just the elected officials, but
16 it's all of the employees of this Village. My hat goes off to all of you for what you do on a daily
17 basis.

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19 I thank you from the bottom of my heart, for letting me a part of your Village for the last 27
20 years. And I will miss you all." (There was a round of applause).

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22 Village President Burke stated I don't know how we are going to replace you. That was a nice
23 speech. And we really appreciate it. It didn't get transcribed, but it did get recorded. Thank you,
24 once again.

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26 **Resolution 2022-13: Designating New Bank Signatories** – Village President Burke stated next
27 on the agenda is a Resolution. Resolution 2022-13 is very basic. This Resolution is all about
28 enabling our Village Administrator and other backup people to be able to sign at the bank. You
29 all had an opportunity to review that Resolution. None of the Board members had any questions
30 or comments about the Resolution.

31 **Motion by Trustee Watkins, Second by Trustee Pennington to Approve Resolution No.**
32 **2022-13 Designating New Bank Signatories.**

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

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35 **Update on Things Going on in the Village** – Village President Burke stated many of you have
36 heard me talk about the three Guiding Principles. Maintain the nature of the Village of Olympia
37 Fields; Ensure that it is safe, quiet, clean, and green; Streamline the business processes to
38 minimize wasteful spending and the need to increase taxes. We've implemented new computer
39 systems, new electronic water meters. We just completed our latest Audit where we have
40 completed six years in a row of a balanced Budget, and five years in a row of having a surplus.
41 These are the great things that matched up with everything that we said we were going to try to
42 do five years ago. I am very proud that we were able to accomplish that.

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44 The next thing that we said we were going to do was provide new development for the Village.
45 Aggressively pursuing viable and sustainable economic development to mitigate and manage
46 taxes. There is a lot of new development going on in the Village. I know all of you are familiar
47 with Shawn & Michelle's Ice Cream which has been a phenomenal success.

1 Lawrence’s Fish & Shrimp has a booming new business. Batter & Berries, I talked to the owner
2 today. They would be open sooner, but they are having some difficulties trying to get a wait staff
3 and new cooks. In January, they plan on being open.

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5 We have a new Little Caesars that will be opening soon. There’s a new Quick Run Service
6 Station on Crawford and Lincoln Highway. That service station is almost completed. It should be
7 open the first part of January. We have a new 11,000 square foot doggie hospital that is being
8 built from scratch behind the CVS.

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10 In addition to that, we just got the final green light from the Hilton Hotel Chain to build a 100-
11 room, Hilton Hotel right here in the Village. That is something that we’ve been working on.
12 That’s coming really soon also.

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14 I entertained a group of people to look at building some new housing adjacent to where the hotel
15 is going to be. We will be reporting on that as we go forward.

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17 This year, after many years of no construction at all, The Traditions has added three new homes,
18 a new duplex and a stand alone 4,000 square foot house, and a second one is under construction.
19 We’ve had 467 Permits, where residents have invested \$5.5 million in improvements this year
20 alone. Things are booming in Olympia Fields in our 2.9 square miles. Our finances are better
21 than anybody in the Southern Suburbs. We have been able to pretty much check off all the things
22 that we said we were going to do. So, for that reason, we are in outstanding shape. The Auditors
23 have proven that. There are a lot of people who are very envious of the Village of Olympia
24 Fields. He stated with all of that in mind, Betty Zigras would be coming on in a minute or two
25 but she is ill. She went home sick. I hope she doesn’t have the virus that Howard White has.

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27 **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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29 **Betty Zigras – Finance Director**

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31 **Ordinance #2022-19: Approval of an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for**
32 **the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022, and Ending April 30, 2023, in the Village of**
33 **Olympia Fields, Cook County, Illinois [First and Second Reading] - Village President Burke**
34 stated we have something around here we call, “Hold the Line” on the Tax Levy. The Board had
35 an opportunity to see Betty’s recommendation, and the Staff’s recommendation about the Tax
36 Levy. Even though the CPI was at 7.7%, everybody around us, Flossmoor, Matteson, all the
37 towns around us, and all the taxing bodies are all raising their taxes this year. We are not
38 increasing our Tax Levy at all. That’s partially due to the fact that we have been able to manage
39 our expenses. We’ve been able to develop new businesses in the Village. Going forward, we
40 hope to maintain a zero increase in the Tax Levy. If people look very closely at their tax bill,
41 they will see that the majority of the increases have been the result of the school system, and the
42 other people around us. The Village has not raised taxes. We intend on trying to do everything
43 that we can to mitigate taxes going forward.

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45 We’ve had a number of contractual contracts that we’ve signed this year. We have a new
46 contract that we’ve inked with the Chicago Heights Fire Department. It is good for the next four
47 years. The first year is going to come in \$150,000.00 less than what we originally budgeted for.

1 We've just signed the contract at the last meeting for the police department. It is good for another
2 four years, which is a great thing. The Clerks' Union has signed a contract. So, that's good. The
3 only thing we have left to do is to sign a new contract for our water supply. It is not up for two
4 years. We have not raised water rates in five years. We reduced it by 10%. That's because we
5 have been able to manage very effectively what is going on in this Village across the board.

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7 The Board has had an opportunity to go through and look at all of the documents that is
8 associated with the Tax Levy. Village President Burke inquired whether or not the Board had
9 any questions on that.

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11 Trustee Pennington stated it's sound. Trustee Blackwell stated in view of the perspective with
12 the surrounding municipalities and communities, not to be braggadocios, but again saying, it's a
13 matter of business and proper management, and revenue. This Administration has shown its
14 success in "Holding the Line" on Taxes. Mostly, that's a result of managing the funds that you
15 have available. Anybody can get in trouble with money. It's just the reality of it. But with the
16 consciousness and the efforts that has been put forth by this Board, and the President, and this
17 Administration, we've been successful to not have to raise taxes and charge people more money,
18 particularly in the circumstances that the economy now sits in with the CPI going up, inflation
19 abounding, and the cost of everything really impacting the average consumer. I think this is a
20 great moment for us to say, "We don't need to try and get more money from our residents. We
21 can hold the line." And the President, and the Administration has been able to do that.

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23 Trustee Oliver stated I want to make a couple of comments. Although, I have served on the
24 Board for nearly four terms, as you announced all of these wonderful achievements, I found
25 myself being in the audience. What it was like being in the audience and hearing what you had to
26 say. I'm hopeful that those in the audience hear what I have heard, and have that same sort of
27 pride and what this Village has been able to do with our tax dollars. It's a wonderful thing. It just
28 bodes well for what Faith also indicated. My hat is off to you, the leadership of the Finance
29 Committee, our Board, and our volunteers who have also participated in this.

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31 Village President Burke stated I appreciate that, Kelvin. I just want to say one other thing about
32 this. The Village has, by law, the authority to raise taxes up by 5% based on CPI. We have
33 chosen we are not going to do that. We don't have to do that. We have sufficient funds to
34 continue with what we are doing, and all the new things that are happening around the Village,
35 we don't have to do that. We have the right by law to do it without having to go through any
36 special sessions. We chose not to do that. I want to make sure everybody understands that. This
37 Board has worked very hard. The Staff has worked very hard to keep and hold the line.

38 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, Second by Trustee Oliver to Approve Ordinance No. 2022-**
39 **19 - an Ordinance Approving the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year**
40 **Beginning May 1st, 2022, and Ending April 30th, 2023.**

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

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43 **Ordinance #2022-20: Approval of an Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Tax Levy for Village of**
44 **Olympia Fields Special Service Area No. 3 [First and Second Reading]** – Village President
45 Burke stated the second Ordinance in the area of Tax Levy is an SSA over in the Oak Street area.
46 It's Special Service Area No. 3. This is a repayment via their taxes for paving the streets.

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, Second by Trustee Oliver to Approve Ordinance No. 2022-**
2 **20 Approving the 2022 Tax Levy for the Village of Olympia Fields Special Service Area No.**
3 **3.**

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

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6 **Report of the Village Administrator/Chief of Staff – Drella Savage**

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8 **2023 Public Meeting Schedule**

9 **2023 Holiday Schedule**

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11 Village Administrator Savage stated I don't have a lot on the agenda for the Administrator today.
12 I do have a comment. I am proud to be a resident of the Village of Olympia Fields and a part of
13 the executive team of this Administration, which is governed by a conscientious President, and
14 Board of Trustees, and Directors of every department. We are looking to improve with the new
15 additions to existing structures, and businesses and homes. You heard President Burke talk about
16 the different Permits that were applied for just this year alone, especially after COVID, because
17 people found themselves at home and doing special projects around the house.

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19 In addition to that, we are looking to expand with the brand-new homes and businesses, and to
20 continue the growth, the presence of children, laughter, cooperation, and teamwork that makes
21 the dream work. I am very proud to be a part of a community of persons that look forward to the
22 interest of one another, and in particular our Village Administration that looks out for the entire
23 Village, every single resident, every single prospective developer and business person, and every
24 single business person in the Village of Olympia Fields, not being involved in any sort of
25 favoritism, not being involved in any sort of partiality or prejudice, but most certainly applying
26 the rules equally across the board and doing the very best that we can. I will never say that I'm a
27 perfect person, or that we live in a perfect world, or that people may not have disagreements. But
28 it is always good to be agreeable in how we act and conduct ourselves, and for that I am very
29 proud to be a part of the Village of Olympia Fields and this team.

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31 My report deals with three things. One is the Public Meeting Schedule which will be posted to
32 the website. That has all of the meetings for the Board of Trustees, as well as all of the
33 Commissions, Committees, and other Boards that are stakeholders along with the Village of
34 Olympia Fields. Their regularly scheduled meeting and notes about other meetings that may be
35 called as needed.

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37 The second schedule that I am asking the Board to approve tonight is the Holiday Schedule.
38 Pursuant to our Personnel Manual, as well as our Collective Bargaining Agreement, the
39 employees of the Village of Olympia Fields get 13 Holidays per year. That schedule will also be
40 posted to the website.

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42 The third comment that I would like to make to the Board, and again congratulate those Board of
43 Trustee members, as well as the Village Attorney, Mr. John Murphey, who vigorously pursued in
44 Court to make sure that the Village of Olympia Fields would be included in the distribution of
45 funds when the Court had the Mass Transit Development who had been defunct and had been
46 deprived as an agency that was out of date, and was not doing any work, to dissolve and then all
47 of those funds had to be turned back over to all of those different members. That is an additional

1 \$58,000.00 that has come back to the Village of Olympia Fields this year. Although you don't
2 hear it, if you go on the website and you look at our different reports, you will see grants that
3 have come in, ARPA money that has come in, and how well the money has been spent. I won't
4 belabor the point because the President has already told you about it. Those funds are also some
5 additional funds that we have received. The Board did not have any questions or comments about
6 the 2023 Public Meeting Schedule.

7 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, Second by Trustee Watkins to Approve the 2023 Public Meeting**
8 **Schedule.**

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

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11 **Don Dean – Administrative Sergeant**

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13 **Update on Officer Training** - Administrative Sergeant Dean stated in keeping up with the
14 standards set forth by The Illinois Training and Standards Board, we sent Sergeant Lawrence
15 Smith to High-Risk Traffic Stops, Train-the-Trainer. And Corporal Pearson to Tac Med Train-
16 the-Trainer. The reason why we are doing this is we don't have to outsource and send officers to
17 different police departments and training sites. We can train in-house and save on time and on
18 money.

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20 **Update on ILEAP Accreditation** – We are working on the final phase of the ILEAP
21 Accreditation with the Finance Department, and hoping to wrap it up very soon.

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23 Village President Burke inquired whether or not everybody understands what this Accreditation
24 is all about. Very, very few communities have Accredited Police Departments. We are one of the
25 few towns in the area here that is working very vigorously trying to ensure that we not only have
26 the best people, but they are following all the proper procedures and we are not going to have
27 any issues. Part of it was for us to go through and look at custody of evidence, and rape kits. We
28 have had very few of those that we have had to deal with. We have the lowest crime rate in the
29 whole Southern Suburbs. We have two calls per officer on duty per day. That is significantly
30 better than everybody else. We are not satisfied with that. We want to go a step further. We are
31 going through this certification process to ensure that we do that.

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33 Administrative Sergeant Dean stated I checked today, and there are currently only 53 agencies in
34 the whole State of Illinois that is Accredited.

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36 **Report of the Village Administrator/Chief of Staff – Drella Savage**

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38 **2023 Holiday Schedule** – Village President Burke stated one other little bit of bookkeeping
39 here. I must have missed it.

40 **Motion by Trustee Watkins, Second by Trustee Finley to Approve the 2023 Holiday**
41 **Schedule.**

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

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44 **John McDonnell – Building Commissioner**

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46 **Ordinance #2022-21: Approving a Plat of Consolidation and a Plat of Abrogation (2904**
47 **and 2908 Delphi Court and 20015 Delphi Drive) [First and Second Reading] – Village**

1 President Burke stated next on the agenda is John McDonnell Building Commissioner. Before
2 we have him come forward and present the Ordinance that he has, I want to ask for a Motion to
3 Recess for 20 minutes for the Board to read the documentation and request, the letters that we
4 got from two different law firms. They were both given to us today. I think it would be fair to all
5 the parties involved to have an opportunity to take a little time to read through that latest
6 information so that in all fairness everyone has been able to be heard.

7 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, Second by Trustee Oliver to Recess for Twenty (20)**
8 **Minutes at 7:40 P.M.**

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

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11 Village President Burke stated we will be in recess. We are not going to another place. We are
12 just going to stay right here. Everybody have an opportunity to read this? You had the materials
13 on the next subject since the last meeting. There have been two meetings where you had a
14 chance to read through all of this, and then the data that we gave you on Monday. There were
15 two letters from legal counsel that came forth last night and today. We will take a look at that
16 and read through it. And then we will discuss it afterwards.

17 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, Second by Trustee Finley to Reconvene at 7:58 P.M.**

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

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20 Mr. McDonnell stated thank you everyone. Thank you for your time tonight. Before you tonight
21 you have a proposed Plat Lot Consolidation and a Utility Abrogation request for three lots in the
22 Olympia Club Subdivision. The lots are owned by Ms. Delena Little. She is also present tonight
23 if you have any questions. In your packets you have all these drawings that basically show the
24 three lots that she is proposing to consolidate into one lot. Currently, there are no utilities on the
25 properties, nor are there any utilities on the easements that the utility companies have already
26 signed off on.

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28 The Building Department and the Planning & Zoning Commission had two Public Meetings to
29 address this. The first meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to table it. And we had
30 a follow-up meeting after that at our next scheduled meeting for the Planning & Zoning
31 Commission. You will see a memo from me that shows that the Planning & Zoning Commission
32 at the Public Hearing, they heard testimony by the applicant. They heard testimony from me, the
33 Building Commissioner. And they heard testimony from the public. The meeting was open for
34 Public Comment. There were several residents. I'm assuming most of them, if not all of them,
35 were from the Olympia Club Subdivision. After hearing their testimony, the Planning & Zoning
36 Commission voted unanimously to send it before the Board of Trustees for a final listening of the
37 comments, and a final look through of all the drawings, and for any questions you may have. As
38 I said, myself and Ms. Delena Little are in the audience tonight.

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40 Village President Burke stated you said she is in the audience? Mr. McDonnell stated yes.
41 Village President Burke stated there are members of Olympia Club in the audience. The reason
42 we took this recess was to review information that came from both parties, to make sure that the
43 Board understood everything. These two documents were not in the packet that was passed out
44 earlier. I asked John to go through and put down some Frequently Asked Questions that appear
45 to be the issues that were raised at the two Planning & Zoning meetings. We've had numerous
46 discussions about this to try to make sure that everyone is represented appropriately. But there
47 are no Permits. We are not voting on any Permits whatsoever. This is very simple. It's a case in

1 which does the person who has bought these lots have the right to move forward with pulling
2 together their individual three lots that they bought? John, could you just speak on that for a
3 second? What are we really voting on in this Ordinance?
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5 Mr. McDonnell stated the only thing that is before you to vote on, is approval to abrogate utility
6 easements that surround and divide these three parcels. I've already checked with our Village
7 Engineer and our Village Department of Public Works. The Village has no sewer system. We
8 have no utilities. We have no water system in any of those easements that divide that parcel into
9 three separate parcels. It is just an approval to allow us to do the final engineering before we
10 were to sign off on that abrogation that we don't need those utility easements any longer. They
11 were platted when the subdivision was originally platted. Possibly, they might have needed to
12 use those utility easements. But it's clear that those utility easements are not needed today.
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14 Village President Burke asked Mr. McDonnell to explain to the Board what a "PUD" is. And
15 what is the PUD in this particular case?
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17 Mr. McDonnell stated a PUD is a Planned Unit Development. They were designed to simplify
18 zoning with multipurpose property. Most Planned Unit Developments are a multiuse project. It
19 has been done in the past that Planned Unit Developments are done and put together as a
20 packaged deal, so that they could have its own plat for that area and special instructions, special
21 dimensions, special lot sizes, and special public improvement criteria that might not meet the
22 Village Code of Ordinance as its written. If it is put into a PUD, then that Planned Unit
23 Development is approved as an entire project.
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25 Village President Burke stated so, if that's the case, what does the Ordinance say about the size
26 of a lot in the Village of Olympia Fields? Mr. McDonnell stated the minimum size residential lot
27 in Olympia Fields is 20,000 square feet. Village President Burke stated and the lots over in
28 Olympia Club right now, what's the average size lot over there? Mr. McDonnell stated they're
29 mixed. They run anywhere from I believe, 9500 square feet up to 14,000 square feet. Village
30 President Burke stated so they are under the Village Code at the moment. Mr. McDonnell stated
31 correct, but approved as a PUD. Village President Burke stated but it was approved as a PUD.
32 Mr. McDonnell stated yes. Village President Burke stated there was a variance that was
33 requested at the time the developer put the whole subdivision together. Mr. McDonnell stated
34 yes, a variance not as defined in our Village Code, but yes, a variance to that rule.
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36 Village President Burke stated that if the Board has any questions or comments, please weigh-in.
37 I am just asking questions just for clarity's sake here so everyone understands what's at stake
38 here and what is being done. The request by the Petitioner is asking the Village of Olympia
39 Fields to allow them to abrogate these lots together. Mr. McDonnell stated that's correct.
40 Combine the three. Village President Burke stated and that's all. No Permits, no rights to build
41 anything. It is just that they want to pull the lots together. Mr. McDonnell stated that is correct.
42 This is basically Step 1. Village President Burke stated okay.
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44 Trustee Watkins stated John, I do have a question. Being the HOA President of my subdivision,
45 why is the HOA objecting to this Ordinance? Mr. McDonnell stated in your packets there were
46 several questions that I pulled together for Frequently Asked Questions. Those were Frequently

1 Asked Questions directly from the public at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting from
2 the Minutes. Trustee Watkins stated I don't see them here. Is there a couple you can read to me?
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4 Village President Burke inquired do you need a copy of them? Trustee Watkins stated yes, that
5 would be great. Mr. McDonnell stated basically all these questions pretty much combined into
6 one. The concerns of the subdivision are that if the Village allows this consolidation of these
7 three lots, that someone else could come in and ask to consolidate other multiple lots.
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9 Trustee Watkins inquired is Ms. Little building a house over all three lots, or is she just building
10 a house on one lot? I know she is in the audience. I don't know if she wants to answer that
11 question. Mr. McDonnell stated her proposal is to build one house across three lots, using up the
12 three lots, kind of like on a kitty-corner because she is on the corner of the cul-de-sac. You also
13 have, I believe, the Plan for that as well. Trustee Watkins stated so the square footage is the same
14 as the other homes in Olympia Club, or is it a larger home? Mr. McDonnell stated it's not a
15 much larger home. What looks like it to be larger is because she would like to have a five-car
16 garage instead of a three-car garage.
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18 Trustee Blackwell stated my question, and I spent time on the Planning & Zoning Commission to
19 have two extensive hearings regarding most all matters one could imagine that the residents of
20 Olympia Club had concern on outlying property and what properties Ms. Little was looking to
21 consolidate within their Homeowners Association. One of the questions I asked you, and I will
22 ask you again for the Public Record, is there anything in our Ordinance prohibiting a person
23 from consolidating properties? Mr. McDonnell stated there is not. Trustee Blackwell inquired of
24 Mr. McDonnell is there anything in our Ordinance that prohibits us allowing an abrogation for
25 easements? He stated which "Easement" for those of you who don't know what that is, it is a
26 legal term which allows limited access to one's property for purposes of a business interest. For
27 instance, ComEd has an easement to walk in my backyard and play with wires that are adjacent
28 to my property. The Village of Olympia Fields has an easement to walk 20-feet from the front of
29 my property up to the water line. And to walk up to my property to look at the water meter. So, it
30 is a limited right to access. The abrogation, as John pointed out, dealt with the original PUD.
31 Each property was setup and the easement lines of demarcation were established with the
32 presumption of one single property. The abrogation is saying we're going to change the lines to
33 allow anybody who would consolidate two, or three, or four, or five pieces of property to have
34 different lines of access or easements, which is ComEd, Peoples Gas, the Village of Olympia
35 Fields, what have you. Now, is there anything again, in our Ordinance that precludes an
36 abrogation? Mr. McDonnell stated no.
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38 Trustee Blackwell stated so there have been issues that have been put forth. There were two
39 letters that were sent out today at the eleventh hour, as many of us working, trying to reconfigure
40 and see what is new with this particular Petition based on the opposition and the interest to go
41 forward, as Ms. Little has. Many things were said and done. None of which need to be repeated
42 here. Simply because the hearings were set forth and the full opportunity for due process was
43 afforded during the first two hearings that lasted over two hours apiece.
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45 Nevertheless, out of all which was said and done, one of the things that came up was due
46 process. And due process is a consideration in law for the Village, for any municipality as well to
47 consider. And due process works just like the two roads that I pointed out during the hearing

1 both ways. So, just like the Olympia Club has due process rights, so does the Petitioner Ms.
2 Little in this instance. So, due process is not a one-way street. So far as the Covenant and the By-
3 Laws, there are 15 different Homeowners Associations with 15 different levels of By-Laws that
4 are out here. All of which have distinctive issues and points of interest in them that they have put
5 together as a group for purposes of running and managing their community and their
6 Homeowners Association. As said before, and I'll say it once again, many things were said and
7 asked of us. But the Village of Olympia Fields has what they call an "Ordinance." The
8 Ordinance of the Village of Olympia Fields is the law as it pertains to zoning, and property, and
9 what our rights and our obligations are going forward when a legitimate Petition is filed such as
10 in this case.

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12 So, consequent to that Petition, we must consider what those laws are. And so far as the
13 Homeowners Associations By-Laws, we greatly respect that and their right to do that. But that's
14 a separate road from what the Zoning, Planning, and the Board of Trustees must do based on the
15 Ordinance in this book that is public and available to you. With that said, I think we are properly
16 proceeding. I think that Teska has weighed-in. Our Staff, John McDonnell our Building
17 Commissioner has looked at this thing thoroughly. I think that all of the paperwork so far is in
18 place for us to make considerations regarding this matter. Thank you, Mr. President.

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20 Mr. McDonnell stated if I may say one thing. As Trustee Blackwell brought up Teska
21 Associates. The Village doesn't take these types of things lightly, right? I mean, it's a pretty big
22 deal. Somebody wants to take three lots. They want to put them together. It's in a certain
23 subdivision. And some people are going to like it and some people may not like it. The Village,
24 and the Village Staff went a long distance to bring our Planning Consultant in and have them
25 give us a recommendation, tell us what the pros and cons could be as it pertains to our
26 Ordinance. If there is anything in our Ordinance, kind of a second pair of eyes on our Ordinance
27 as our Planner, as he knows our Zoning Ordinance from front to back. There were no things that
28 said that the Village should not do this. All things steered towards the Village needs to hear this
29 Petition, and it needs to act on this Petition and follow the guidelines of our Ordinance. So, that's
30 what we did.

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32 Village President Burke stated I have a couple of questions. The original developer, they came
33 and petitioned just like the Petitioner did, for a change to whatever the rules were at that time. Is
34 that correct? Mr. McDonnell stated correct, yes. Village President Burke stated so, R. Kelly's
35 house, you have a house in your neighborhood, one house on multiple lots. Trustee Watkins
36 stated yes. Village President Burke stated I have them in my neighborhood. There are places all
37 over the Village right now where there are houses being built on multiple lots. Is that true? Mr.
38 McDonnell stated yes, there are. Village President Burke stated a Petitioner that's a developer
39 could Petition, and then a person who is an individual can come and Petition the Planning &
40 Zoning Commission to have a variance to an existing law. Is that correct? Mr. McDonnell stated
41 yes. Village President Burke stated last year we had a house, the owner had two lots. Correct?
42 Mr. McDonnell stated yes. Village President Burke stated and that owner with those two lots,
43 wanted to build a garage on one of the lots. One of our other Ordinances says you cannot build a
44 garage on a lot that does not have a house. Mr. McDonnell stated that's correct. Village President
45 Burke stated so they came forward and petitioned the Planning & Zoning Commission to be able
46 to do that. What they had to do was pull those two lots together, go down to the Assessor's
47 Office, and get them to allow them to pull those lots together. Has that happened thus far? Has

1 the Petitioner gone to the Assessor's Office to ask for that? Mr. McDonnell stated no, because
2 they need approval from us first. Village President Burke stated so there is another step before
3 that can even happen. Mr. McDonnell stated yes. Village President Burke stated but there are
4 multiple houses in the Village of Olympia Fields who have gotten variances, because we know
5 that with the lots that are over there already. The minimum lot size in the Village of Olympia
6 Fields if you want to build a new house is 20,000 square feet. Anybody can come along with a
7 Petition, especially somebody who bought the lots and wants to go forward. Mr. McDonnell
8 stated yes, only the owner can do that.

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10 Village President Burke stated when the original Covenants were created, the owner of all of the
11 lots was the developer. He came forward and said, "I want to Petition to modify the existing laws
12 that were in place to build a lot of houses." And then that individual created the Covenants that
13 exist today. And then that individual passed those Covenants on to the people when it got to be
14 enough people in that subdivision to then take over and manage it. It was originally setup by the
15 developer. Is that correct? Mr. McDonnell stated yes, to my knowledge, yes. Village President
16 Burke stated that's typically what happens. Mr. McDonnell stated that's typically what happens,
17 yes.

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19 Village President Burke stated the original genesis of this whole idea was from a developer who
20 was out to make money and build as many houses as he could on as small a lot size as he could
21 so he could build more houses. That did not necessarily work out the way he wanted it to. And
22 he left. Since then, there has been no new development in that subdivision. And someone comes
23 along and says, "Oh, I want to move here. I'm going to buy the lots. But I want a bigger lot." Is
24 that true? Mr. McDonnell stated yes, then they would have to do the same process that Ms. Little
25 is here today. Village President Burke stated I just want to get that baseline down that this is not
26 unusual. It happens all the time when there are developers building something. This actual case
27 right now is in Court where the Homeowners Association has taken a case that says, "We want to
28 sue or whatever so that our belief of how the rules and regulations for our subdivision, we want
29 to uphold what we are interpreting it." And the Petitioner has a different interpretation. And the
30 Village of Olympia Fields does not have a real horse in this fight. We are here to go through and
31 look at what the laws and regulations have been, and what they are under the guise of the
32 existing Ordinances that we have and the process that has been granted to us by the State of
33 Illinois.

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35 Trustee Watkins stated I just want to ask one question. President Burke, everything you said is
36 clear. Thank you, Trustee, for chiming in from zoning. I am not clear why the HOA has a
37 problem with them or her buying three lots. So, they're asking us not to approve this Ordinance.

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39 Mr. Lee Langon inquired can we explain it? Trustee Watkins stated I would just like to know
40 what the issue is, because you made total sense. I mean, can we allow maybe five minutes just to
41 explain what the issue is? Why don't they want us to approve this Ordinance? Okay, two
42 minutes. One minute, I don't know.

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44 Village President Burke stated this is not a Public Hearing. Trustee Watkins stated I understand.
45 I just want to be clear. Village President Burke stated they had two Public Hearings. The letters
46 that we got today and yesterday, one said "I want you to approve it." And one says, "I don't want
47 you to approve it." Trustee Watkins stated I understand. Village President Burke stated all the

1 reasons why both of them may want to do this, I think is clear in all the documentation. Trustee
2 Watkins stated okay. Village President Burke stated we are not going to turn this into a Public
3 Hearing, or we would never get anywhere on this whole thing. It's in the Courts right now. The
4 Courts are going to make a determination if the Covenants have more power over the Village.
5 That's the question.

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7 Mr. Langon inquired then why can't you table this then pending litigation? What's the issue?
8 Village President Burke stated Lee, you are out of order. You are out of order. And we are not
9 going to table this. People are going to vote on this. Mr. Langon stated that's fine. Village
10 President Burke stated the due process is either group can then go and settle it in Court. And
11 when they go to Court, the Judge, not us will make that determination.

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13 Village President Burke stated I understand your position. But that opportunity was given not
14 once, but twice. Trustee Watkins stated okay. Trustee Blackwell stated I want to add something
15 too. Could we have attention up here about us conducting the business that we need to conduct to
16 get this done? In response to Trustee Watkins, there were two hearings held. And transcripts
17 were made available. And, of course, Board of Trustee members can, in fact, and are encouraged
18 to attend Planning & Zoning Commission Hearings. I know you were not available because you
19 had other things and you may not have paid attention to this. Trustee Watkins stated I paid
20 attention. I just was not in town. Trustee Blackwell stated it is replete in the record what their
21 position is. They made it perfectly crystal clear and even looked forward to give us some
22 understanding as to what their Court case might be when, in fact, they appear in the Circuit Court
23 of Cook County to present their case. But the question I need to ask John for the record, and this
24 is not only fact, did our attorney Murphey indicate that any action that we would take pertaining
25 to these two particular Ordinances would impact, or adversely impact Olympia Club's ability to
26 pursue their case in Circuit Court? So, let me present the question in a different manner.
27 Regardless of how we vote, yea or nay, would it in any way stop Olympia Club from pursuing
28 their action in the Circuit Court as it pertains to looking to enforce their Covenant against Ms.
29 Little?

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31 Mr. McDonnell stated according to our Village Attorney, no, it doesn't stop what they want to
32 do. Trustee Blackwell stated so their right, and their authority or power to go forward in Circuit
33 Court as they apparently have filed a lawsuit to do so, is not in anyway precluded based on
34 whatever our actions are here? Is that correct? Is that your understanding? Mr. McDonnell stated
35 yes, that's my understanding.

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37 Village President Burke stated you are a lawyer. Drella is a lawyer. Is there anything that stops
38 anybody on either side from moving to Court to settle this? Trustee Blackwell stated they can
39 move to Court. Village President Burke stated regardless of what we do here. Trustee Blackwell
40 stated if they are contesting our Ordinance and trying to attempt to declare it Unconstitutional, of
41 course, anyone has a right if they have proper standing with the Court on in-ground and
42 jurisdiction in-ground, and subject jurisdiction to go forward to make a claim. Anybody can't do
43 it because you have to have standing to pursue it if I'm not mistaken. Is that correct? Village
44 Administrator Savage stated that's correct. Trustee Blackwell stated "Standing" means you have
45 a horse in the race that the Court can, in fact, observe and make a point of. So, Olympia Club
46 certainly has an interest involved, which is a legitimate interest. They have decided to pursue that
47 particular interest to enforce their Covenant which they have every right to do so in Circuit

1 Court. But their Covenant is not to be enforced here, because this is not a Circuit Court. This is a
2 municipal governing body that is subject to the rules of the Zoning Ordinance and the pertaining
3 rules of Olympia Fields pursuant to the Illinois Constitution. This is not a Court. So, the issues
4 that they may have, and they have a lot of issues, and I'm not going to weigh-in on the merit of
5 their issues. They feel strongly about them and that is all that is needed. And they have proper
6 standing. And that's for the Court to decide what may happen with the enforcement, or their
7 effort to enforce their Covenant in this matter, not for us. We have an obligation to pursue the
8 Ordinance. I think that is where our process is leading to. I don't understand what else needs to
9 be said. For anybody who is not aware of what they contested, you can easily pull up the
10 transcript. But we are not going to reset a Public Hearing here to do what was done two months
11 ago for six hours. That sounds to be absolutely incredulous to me to pursue such a manner.

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13 Village Administrator Savage stated the only comment that I wanted to make is that it would be
14 outside of our authority and our jurisdiction to make a determination on the interpretation of the
15 rules. We simply can only interpret our rules and follow them according to the best of our ability,
16 this Board as elected officials and based upon precedent, and based upon what has been done and
17 what should be done in every case on the advice of the Planner, the Engineers, the Directors, and
18 the Attorney, because that's outside the jurisdiction of this Board to make an interpretation as to
19 rules. Ms. Little is a property owner in the Olympia Club Subdivision as everyone else is. All 33
20 or 34 of those lots are owned by property owners. It is not up to this Board to make a property
21 determination or an interpretation of the rules that we are not governed by, and we didn't
22 institute, and we didn't codify or vote on.

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24 Trustee Blackwell stated so, Administrator Savage, what you are essentially saying is we don't
25 have the authority to decide those issues. Village Administrator Savage stated correct.

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27 Village President Burke stated the recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission, the
28 recommendation of our General Counsel, the recommendation of the Planner, and all of the
29 people that have been involved in this is to Approve Ordinance No. 2022-21.

30 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, Second by Trustee Pennington to Approve Ordinance No. 2022-**
31 **21 Approving a Plat of Consolidation and a Plat of Abrogation for the Property Located at**
32 **2904, 2908 Delphi Court and 20015 Delphi Drive.**

33 **Roll Call: Ayes (4) (Trustees Watkins and White Abstained) Motion Carried.**

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35 **Terence Acquah – Assistant Public Works Director**

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37 **Update on Lift Station by the Post Office** - Mr. Acquah stated I have two quick reports to give.
38 The first one on 11-29-2022, I am proud to announce that we finished our Lift Station at the Post
39 Office Project. Everything is running smoothly. Staff is fully trained in the program. Everything
40 has been cleaned up. It was definitely a pleasurable experience on my end. The project was
41 originally budgeted for \$645,330.00. We got it under Budget to \$603,459.00. It is a savings of
42 about \$41,871.00. We have SCADA in this Lift Station. I can sleep easy at night with this
43 program. If there's a large rain, I can look on my phone and see that everything is operating
44 perfectly. Even while we're here, I was looking to make sure that the Lift Stations are running
45 smoothly. That has been very pleasurable. It's very feasible for the rest of Staff to use it. Moving
46 forward, that is something that we are going to be pushing when we do the other two Lift Station
47 renovations, and also, we will be including SCADA on our water towers and the rest of our Lift

1 Stations. It will give us another guard to make sure that everything is running smoothly within
2 the Village. I am appreciative of all of your support.

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4 Trustee Blackwell inquired Terence are we budgeted for additional Lift Station renovations now,
5 or is that coming in the next year's Budget? Mr. Acquah stated we are in our Capital Budget.
6 We've budgeted for Kedzie and our Lift Station in Maynegait. Village President Burke stated
7 that's this year, not next year. Next Fiscal Year 2023/2024. That's something that we will do
8 going through the next Capital Projects meeting. Is this the only one that we have planned for
9 this year? Mr. Acquah stated yes. Trustee Finley stated it was the priority because it was the
10 oldest one and the one most likely to fail. Mr. Acquah stated exactly, and we were having issues
11 with this one and the safety concerns also. Village President Burke stated it was paid for without
12 borrowing any money, with money that we had set aside and with grants that we got so we could
13 write a check for it. It turned out to be cheaper than what we originally contracted for. Mr.
14 Acquah stated correct.

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16 Mr. Acquah stated on Monday we will be hiring our newest employee. This comes at a very
17 positive time because of the snow coming. Knock on wood, I have learned that Public Works is
18 very superstitious and with the snow coming I am hopeful that this will maintain what
19 everybody's expectations of how snow services are suppose to be done within the Village. The
20 person comes with experience driving large equipment. He is very excited to hop onboard with
21 the team. We should be very prepared to deal with the winter this coming winter.

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23 Trustee Watkins stated I just want to say with the loss of our Public Works Director Jim Landini,
24 you've stepped into his role and you have done a wonderful job. I want to commend you on that.
25 Mr. Acquah stated I appreciate that.

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27 **Update on Utility Posts** - Trustee Watkins stated I want to ask you as a follow-up to the utility
28 posts, do we have an update on that? Mr. Acquah stated yes. I spoke to the HOA President in
29 The Trails. Trustee Watkins stated that would be me. Mr. Acquah stated he told me he was the
30 HOA President. Trustee Watkins stated so you spoke to Andre Blue. Mr. Acquah stated yes. He
31 told me he is going to compile a list of everything. I started on what we were able to get. I know
32 there are more that I don't want to miss. I've also worked with Reggi our Code Enforcement. He
33 has a direct contact. I know that there was a panel that was down on Western that got addressed.
34 I want to make sure that we get all of the other ones addressed. We are just going to give them
35 one bulk complaint that they need to take care of and move on from there. Once again, the
36 difficult part was finding out which one belongs to which utility company. Some are more
37 responsive than the others. He stated for the ones that I have contact with, they've been able to
38 go out and do those repairs. In this position I'm still trying to develop my go to, to make sure that
39 we can get things done in a fast manner.

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41 Trustee Watkins stated just so the audience knows, there are utility posts behind our homes that
42 are falling apart. It is not only in The Trails of Olympia Fields, but it's throughout the Village. If
43 you are experiencing that in your subdivision, please contact us because we are in the process of
44 getting that fixed. That's for every subdivision. Thank you so much. Mr. Acquah stated no
45 problem.

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1 **Holiday Street Decorations** - Trustee Finley stated before you leave, why don't you put the
2 icing on the cake and talk about the holiday decorations. Mr. Acquah stated I know this is
3 something that has been done for a while. I'm sure you guys have noticed the snowflakes on
4 Kedzie and on Scott. That's something we get a lot of phone calls about. People are asking us,
5 "When are you going to put it up?" I think it just helps the charm and the appeal of the Village. It
6 really looks nice. We're putting up some of the other poles that have gone down. If you live off
7 of Kedzie, you can notice that we replaced a pole there and we are doing the same thing on Scott.
8 I understand what is expected in terms of beautification and the charm of Olympia Fields and I
9 want to keep that standard.

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11 Trustee Finley stated I spent about an hour and a half over at Public Works today going through
12 the stack of bills and all the things that we have to do in order to know that we are prepared to do
13 what we want to do. I want to compliment you too on having your hands all over it. Mr. Acquah
14 stated I appreciate it. Trustee Finley stated because of that it not only makes operations run
15 smoothly, but it leaves space for innovation and that is exciting. Mr. Acquah stated I appreciate
16 the support. It's really good to be able to pick the brains of everybody here. I feel like you guys
17 lend guidance especially with me being new within the position, but any feedback is good
18 feedback in my book. So, I definitely appreciate that.

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20 **TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

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22 **Planning & Zoning Commission/Human Resources – Trustee Blackwell –**

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24 **Planning & Zoning Commission** – Trustee Blackwell stated Planning & Zoning, I don't think
25 we have anything going on right now at this moment. We have kind of cleared the docket within
26 the last three months.

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28 **Human Resources** – Trustee Blackwell stated for Human Resources, we do have our schedule
29 that is published and will be on our website for our Board Meetings. I noted that in previous
30 years with certain Liaisons, we did not even have meetings scheduled. They were as needed. I
31 think minimally, we should have at least quarterly meetings to support the HR process and the
32 Village Staff to work with them on their particular handbook and other types of things that they
33 may interject that would be positive for us to move forward with to make it better for the
34 employees. We are doing that. We are going to have a meeting in January. We will follow-up to
35 get input from Staff, and to work with the Administration to make sure we're all in accord with
36 what we're doing here and working as a team to accomplish the goals of the Village.

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38 Luckily for us, we have contracts for both Unions that have since been ratified, I believe, and
39 moving forward with that. That is a very great thing. I think our Staff, our Administrative Staff,
40 the President, Chief of Staff, worked very hard and went through a lot to make these contracts go
41 for more than a year. That's stability that the Village has. And, in fact, this lends credibility and
42 credence to financial planning. We talked about that earlier. This impacts our ability to maintain
43 proper finances throughout the Village.

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1 **Public Works/Beautification – Trustee Finley**

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3 **Public Works** – Trustee Finley stated the only thing I want to add to Public Works is the happy
4 news that when the snow finally falls that we have been expecting any time, when it comes
5 down, we have on order 700 tons of salt for the spread across our 45-miles of road, and our
6 roughly 90-miles of right-of-way. So, we are waiting, buckets up, for the snowfall that we know
7 will eventually happen. But we will have it covered.

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9 **Beautification Committee** – Trustee Finley stated today is the final day for Holiday Award
10 Nominations. I know some of our neighborhoods have gotten them in. You have until midnight
11 tonight to put nominations in for the Holiday Light Displays which has been part of the tradition
12 of Olympia Fields. Even if it is the last minute, if there is a special house in your neighborhood,
13 please make sure that you nominate it so that we can make sure that it is part of the review
14 process on what makes Olympia Fields especially festive over the holiday.

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16 We also want to let you know something about the judging criteria for the Holiday viewing. We
17 are looking for curb appeal, creativity and originality. We are looking for use of color, overall
18 holiday theme, and coordination of the décor to the home. You get 20 points maximum score.
19 When all of that comes together in a perfect way, it is kind of like that other thing, you know it
20 when you see it. The important thing here, is that we have very creative people living in the
21 Village. They have done amazing things to their homes. I think one of the nicest things that I get
22 to do is to be in the car with the other Judges when we take a look and roll up and see something
23 that we had not expected could possibly be done and it happens here in Olympia Fields. The
24 Judging tour is on December 21st. If you see somebody rolling up in cars looking at your
25 property, do not call Officer Dean. It's us.

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27 Trustee Watkins inquired of Trustee Finley, is the deadline for the form to be turned in the 21st?
28 Trustee Finley stated tonight at midnight.

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30 Village President Burke stated I think we can extend it one more night since we know the person
31 who is your Chair person. It is storming tonight. I know people turn stuff in late. I think we
32 should extend it to Friday night. It isn't going to hurt us.

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34 Trustee Finley stated you do know the Chair. If it is okay with the Chair. Village President Burke
35 stated I have known her for 53 years. Trustee Finley stated so you have 48 hours.

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37 **Public Safety/Police Pension – Trustee Oliver**

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39 **Public Safety Committee** – Trustee Oliver stated the Public Safety Meetings are held the first
40 Wednesday of every month. The Public Safety Committee met on December 7th, 2022. Chief
41 Blasingame spoke about the number of calls that his police department receives. The calls have
42 been reduced for the month of November. Most of the members spent the vast majority of the
43 time talking about their respective input for the Annual Police Report that we are going to be
44 providing to the Board Members in February or so.

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46 You've already heard Administrative Sergeant Dean speak about the certification process and
47 how it is moving along. We are very happy and pleased, and want to do everything that we can

1 to promote and assist the police department with that. I'm not sure if we should talk about this.
2 There was some discussion about the "Talk with the Cop." Is that too soon to speak about that?
3 Administrative Sergeant Dean stated "Coffee with a Cop." Trustee Oliver asked Administrative
4 Sergeant Dean if he wanted to talk a little bit about that.

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6 **Coffee with a Cop** - Administrative Sergeant Dean stated some of you know, and some of you
7 don't know, we have a lot of new officers in the last year. This is an opportunity to sit down at a
8 restaurant and have a very informal discussion with an officer. They get to meet that officer. It
9 would be a different officer every month. Who wants to see me or the Chief every month? It will
10 be someone new every month. Informal setting where you can say, "Down the street this guy
11 plays loud music. I don't want to bother you guys." We do have that from time to time when we
12 run into citizens at a gas station or driving out and about. It is a very informal setting where you
13 get to meet and greet your police officers and form a bond. Because without you we can't exist.
14 We have to form a bond together and become the safest community that we are right now and
15 keep it that way.

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17 **Finance/Building Department – Trustee Pennington**

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19 **October 2022 Financial Statements** – Trustee Pennington stated tonight I will be reporting the
20 Village's Revenues and Expenses for the six periods ending October 31st, 2022. These reports
21 cover our three major proprietary funds. I will begin with the General Fund or our Corporate
22 Fund.

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24 General Fund Revenues for the six-month period were favorable to actual year-to-date Budget
25 Projections by \$48,115.00, or 2% favorable to Budget Plan. Budgeted Revenues for this period
26 were \$2,528,019.00, while actual year-to-date Revenues received were \$2,576,135.00. General
27 Fund Expenses were favorable to Budget Projections by \$260,373.00, or 10% favorable to Plan.
28 Budgeted Expenses for the period were \$2,655,946.00, while actual incurred expenses were
29 \$2,395,573.00. This resulted in a favorable Fiscal Year to-date actual plus encumbrance in the
30 General Fund of \$180,562.00. The overall impact on the General Fund Budget on October 31st,
31 2022, is a surplus \$308,488.00.

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33 Trustee Pennington stated with respect to our Water Fund, Water Revenue Fees, operating and
34 non-operating for this period were favorable to Budget by \$104,986.00, or 8% favorable to
35 Budget Plan. Water Fund Revenue budgeted for the period was \$1,155,458.00, while actual
36 revenue year-to-date plus encumbrance was \$1,260,444.00. Water Fund Expenses were
37 unfavorable to Budget Plan by \$21,148.00, or 2% below Budget Expenses. Budgeted Expenses
38 for the period were \$1,025,040.00, while actual incurred expenses were \$1,046,188.00. Our
39 Fiscal Year to-date actual plus encumbrance, is a surplus \$214,256.00. The overall impact to the
40 Water Fund Budget for this period is a positive \$83,838.00.

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42 Trustee Pennington stated with respect to our Sewer Fund, operating revenue in this Fund was
43 unfavorable to Budget Plan by \$6,665.00. The Budgeted Revenue for the period was
44 \$825,600.00, while actual revenue was \$838,335.00, or 1% unfavorable to Plan. However, we
45 did realize \$20,339.00 in non-operating revenue, which was due largely to an increase in
46 investment income. This increased our realized revenue to \$859,274.00. A difference of
47 \$13,674.00 in the positive realm. Sewer Fund Expenses were favorable to Budget Plan by

1 \$149,581.00, or 24% of Plan. Budgeted Expenses were \$629,733.00, while actual incurred
2 expenses came in at \$480,152.00. This resulted in a Fiscal Year to-date actual plus encumbrance
3 surplus in the Sewer Fund of \$390,122.00. The overall impact to the Sewer Fund Budget is a
4 favorable \$163,255.00.

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6 **Park District/Library Board – Trustee Watkins**

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8 **Library Board** – Trustee Watkins stated the Library Board is excited about the progress of the
9 Curb Side Pickup being offered from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. daily.

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11 The Library Board Members have committed to attending outside community meetings to
12 increase collaboration and visibility in our community.

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14 The 2022 Illinois Library Association Conference was attended by two Library Board Members,
15 Dr. Kametta Clark and Dr. Taneen Brinson.

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17 Get in the spirit of the season with all ages Secret Santa Bingo. The event is on Tuesday,
18 December 20th, at 12:00 P.M. Join our friends at the library for some holiday fun for the whole
19 family. All ages are welcome to attend this event. Registration for this event is required. For
20 more information, please contact Miss Nikki or Miss Kaitlyn at: 708-748-3731, Extension 31.

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22 **Park District – Recycle Your Holiday Lights** - Trustee Watkins stated the Park District is
23 hosting Recycle Your Holiday Lights. Please drop off broken lights or cords in a bin at one of
24 the collection locations between November 24th, 2022, and January 19th, 2023. This is helping
25 Olympia Fields with our Community Green Initiative.

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27 **Annual Holiday Toy Drive** – Trustee Watkins stated in an effort to help bring joy to kids in
28 need, the Park District will be having an Annual Holiday Toy Drive this Saturday, December
29 17th, 2022, from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Chicago.
30 Donations are requested and welcomed for infants through teens.

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32 **Caroling in the Park** - Trustee Watkins stated she would defer to Trustee White if he is on the
33 line to report on the collaboration between the Community Relations Commission and the Park
34 District on Caroling in the Park, which will also be this Saturday, December 17th, 2022, from
35 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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37 **Educational Commission/Community Relations Commission – Trustee White**

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39 **Community Relations Commission** - Trustee White stated if it is okay, he would like to allow
40 Mr. Hill to speak on his behalf regarding the efforts with the CRC.

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42 **Caroling in the Park** – Mr. Carl Hill stated as a follow-up to Trustee Watkins, the Village of
43 Olympia Fields in partnership with the Park District, this will be our Second Annual Caroling in
44 the Park event that we will be holding between 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. The carolers, we are
45 looking to place them in the atrium or outside. We have a host of vendors with light refreshments
46 for that day. The following choirs will be attending the event: Rich Township High School

1 Choir, Mother McAuley Choir, Infant Jesus of Prague Choir in Flossmoor. Jesus Vargas told me
2 that we have a host of Village residents that want to participate in singing some carols.
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4 Trustee Blackwell inquired of Mr. Hill are you going to have food? Mr. Hill stated we will have
5 hot cocoa. We will have some warm cider. We will have some Dax Donuts. He stated he is just
6 looking forward to listening to the choirs that will be performing that day. Definitely come out.
7 Mr. Vargas told him to mention the Toy Drive for that particular day. He is glad that Trustee
8 Watkins mentioned that. Donations are welcome that day. Spread the word. They will benefit the
9 Ronald McDonald House.
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11 Village President Burke stated this was a huge success last year. It was held at night. This time it
12 is going to be 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The October Fest that we had averaged around 200 people
13 from each hour from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. They ran out of food. If this is anything like
14 October Fest was, it should be a huge, huge success.
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16 Mr. Hill said we sent out fliers. The residents should be receiving fliers in the mail. We are
17 expecting a huge turnout. I spoke with Administrative Sergeant Dean as far as traffic control
18 with the police department. I will follow-up with Terence on lighting and some of the equipment
19 we will need for that day. Overall, it is going to be a fun, family event.
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21 Trustee Blackwell stated you did an excellent job on October Fest. Keep up the good work.
22 Make it bigger next year. Mr. Hill said it will be. Trustee Blackwell stated the vendors were
23 terrific. Did they run out of food? And did they sell all their products out? Mr. Hill stated they
24 did. Trustee Blackwell stated that's great. Mr. Hill stated Harold's Chicken, he ran out. The
25 Bundt Cake guy, those were delicious. He was selling those like hotcakes. Trustee Blackwell
26 stated I got the last cake.
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28 Trustee Finley stated speaking of the entertainment, will our police be performing this year? Mr.
29 Hills stated I hope so. Officer Mitchell was terrific. She is a terrific singer. Village President
30 Burke stated unfortunately, she is not here. Officer Dean was telling me that she is working with
31 the Feds now. I don't know if it is the FBI or the CIA. She had a Master's Degree. She is a very,
32 very smart lady in addition to being able to sing. She had the whole police department as her
33 backup as her Pips. Unfortunately, we won't have her this year. Trustee Finley stated we may
34 have the Pips. Administrative Sergeant Dean stated easy there.
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36 **Kudos to Officer Jones** - Trustee White stated I wanted to take the opportunity to send out
37 kudos to some awesome members of our local police department who showed up and showed
38 out for an incident that happened on our property about a week ago. A special huge kudos goes
39 out to Officer Jones who apprehended an attempted car thief by herself. She apprehended two of
40 them by herself. They responded very quickly.
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42 **Kudos to Trustee White's Neighbors** - I also want to give huge kudos out to many of my
43 neighbors that responded, that helped stop these young kids from attempting to steal one of our
44 vehicles. He stated within 10 to 12 minutes, I was called by a neighbor. Subsequently, the
45 perpetrators took off from my property and they were tracked down and handcuffed in less than
46 15 minutes. I think it speaks volumes to the responsiveness of the wonderful men and women of
47 our police department, and our residents. It definitely would not have happened without my

1 neighbors, one calling me, and other neighbors telling me where they went. It shows the
2 importance of all of us being vigilant and looking out for one another. That was the one thing
3 that I wanted to speak about publicly to share with the members of the Board and the
4 community. Village President Burke thanked Trustee White and told him to get well.

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6 **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:**

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8 The Board did not have any Miscellaneous Reports this evening.

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10 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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12 Village President Burke opened up Public Comment at 9:00 P.M. My name is Anastas ShKurti. I
13 am an attorney with the Law Firm of Robbins DiMonte. I'm here on behalf of the Olympia Club
14 Homeowners Association. We were the ones who sent that letter that you had the opportunity to
15 review. Village President Burke stated could you speak a little louder? Mr. ShKurti stated thanks
16 again for allowing me to speak. People in the audience stated we can't hear. Mr. ShKurti stated I
17 am just not use to moving the microphone like this. Thank you. You all have the letter and an
18 opportunity to review it. I don't want to go through the letter or review it in its entirety, or read it
19 for you here. I want to point out a few things that were mentioned today and I want to comment
20 on that.

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22 Today we heard quite a bit about due process. I want to throw a few words here, because the
23 record should reflect that before the meeting and before the Board of Trustees had the
24 opportunity to vote on the Ordinance, the Association requested the opportunity to address the
25 Board. And did this under the Village's own Code. We mentioned how the Village must hear the
26 concerns of the Association and the individual owners who object to the Ordinance before
27 deliberating on it. We made a specific reference to Section 2.52 of the Code. The record reflects
28 that the Association was not permitted to do so. We also objected on other due process grounds
29 which is the fact that this Board today decided to take both First and Second Reading of the
30 Ordinance. And your own Code of Ordinances allows that only in cases of an emergency. There
31 is no emergency here before you. As a matter of fact, from the Village's point of view as we've
32 heard several times, the Village does not appear to have a horse in the race. They are just
33 following their own procedure. However, it is a significant issue here. And there was no rush
34 whatsoever, and no need to rush to approve this Ordinance without giving everyone the
35 opportunity to review this.

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37 The second thing that I want to point out is the fact that we heard a little bit about what a Planned
38 Unit Development is. The PUD. The PUD under the Zoning Code is a Special Use. So, yes,
39 correctly, at some point back in 2006, 2005, before this PUD was approved, there was a Special
40 Use and there were variances, et cetera. And all these lots are non-conforming. We heard today
41 that the minimum lot size for a single-family home is 20,000 square feet. And in effect, what the
42 Board just did, is modify the Planned Unit Development by allowing the consolidation of three
43 non-conforming lots simply based on a Lot Consolidation and Utility Abrogation Application.
44 That's not the process to go about consolidating lots which are part of a Planned Unit
45 Development. That is again, when we heard today the analogy about whether the Village has a
46 horse in the race or not. It appears to me that the Village has dragged this horse now into the race
47 because this decision that was just made today differs. The Village's position differs from what it

1 was before and after the vote. We wanted the opportunity to explain to you the error of voting in
2 favor of the Ordinance. But that now has passed. And as a result, we feel that the Board of
3 Trustees here certainly deserved the powers that the Association has because in the Ordinance it
4 provides how the house to be built must substantially comply with the Plans that have been
5 presented. The Plans that have been presented to the Village have been denied in writing many
6 times by the Association. The Association has a committee that has ultimate decision over every
7 structure to be built in this Planned Unit Development in this Association. And they have
8 repeatedly denied it for concerns which I can list. I understand that some Trustees still wanted to
9 know why the Association has objections. But the fact that they objected, the fact that the
10 Association's Committee has the ultimate authority over every single improvement in the lots in
11 the Association, should be reason enough for the Board to have been cautious about this process.
12 You are not called upon here to rule as to whether the lot owner is complying with the
13 Declaration. But the mere fact that every single lot owner in that Association, and there are many
14 here today, objects to this consolidation should be sufficient notice for due caution on your part.
15 Instead of rushing into it, doing it in the way that it was done, merging both readings under one
16 and side stepping your own Zoning Code.

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18 And where is the harm? What is the damage here? Well, first of all this is a Planned Unit
19 Development. The people who are buying these lots they really want to live in these 9,000 to
20 14,000 square feet lots. They do not want to live in a mansion. That's what they want. That's
21 what they can get. And there is nothing wrong with it. And this is what this Association and this
22 Planned Unit Development was designed originally. Even the handout delivered by the
23 Commissioner here shows this was what the intent was for those three specific lots, 25, 26, 27.
24 That's how they appear in the original Plan. And by taking over the process of approving
25 changes to a Planned Unit Development and mashing them, squishing them into a Lot
26 Consolidation Application, and the Village approving that despite objections and perfectly good
27 explained objections why the Board should not do so, clearly has put the Village at a
28 disadvantage and the Association at a disadvantage now, because they have to warn themselves,
29 and protect themselves from other folks who will try to do the same and devalue their lots. Their
30 lots will be devalued. And it is not just a matter of devaluing the lots. It is also the matter of
31 devaluing and deflating every single owner who lives there who has stood before every Village
32 body and objected to this process, to this application. The only person that is supported so far
33 from the Association is the applicant. Everybody else is against it. Why should the Village go
34 against what the Association has already denied?

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36 Those were the comments. Again, I'm sure that you will hear a little bit more. The Village here
37 made a mistake, I think. It's unfortunate that we have to keep going the other avenue. Thank you.
38 Village President Burke stated thank you very much for your comments.

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40 My name is Doris Mae Williams-Langon, M.S.W. Ph.D., 20111 Aegina Drive, Olympia Club. A
41 statement for the record. The Olympia Fields Board of Trustees on this date, December 14th,
42 2022, has just voted to disregard, disrespect, and bypass the Olympia Club Homeowners
43 Association's Covenants. The clear message is there is no longer a need to meet with an HOA
44 President to even discuss any applications impacting their subdivision.

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46 Even though this case continues to be litigated, your votes put the final nail in Olympia Fields
47 coffin. Collectively and individually, you Trustees have set a new precedent. HOA Covenants

1 and By-Laws don't matter in Olympia Fields. While they have mattered for generations keeping
2 us as African-Americans out of the ability to gain wealth and property. They matter in successful
3 and thriving communities, locally, nationally, and internationally. Now your vote today has
4 opened the door for current and future residents to just disregard, disrespect, and bypass all 15 of
5 this Village's HOAs Covenants and By-Laws.

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7 The Planning & Zoning Commission bypassed the Olympia Club's HOAs denial, and placed Ms.
8 Little's abrogation of three lots into one house on their August meeting agenda. During this
9 Committee meeting Ms. Little highlighted the beauty of Olympia Club as her motivation for
10 purchasing three lots to build a home for her daughter. How beautiful does she think our
11 community will be when residents start to disregard, disrespect, and bypass her HOA Covenants
12 and By-Laws? Once the word gets out, and it already has, that our HOA no longer matters,
13 current, future homeowners and the ghost owners of our 30 plus vacant lots will come in for an
14 application to build what they want. Put what they desire on their lots. They won't pay dues.
15 They'll keep the garbage cans out front attracting all matter of vermin and fail to maintain their
16 property. How beautiful and safe does she think our community will be when our HOA that no
17 longer matters is forced to dissolve, and her neighbors no longer meet, pay dues, and work
18 together focused on safety, beauty, and maintaining the value of our homes, including her new
19 home? Will we no longer know our neighbors when we can't afford to maintain our security
20 cameras? And when our lush, expansive open lands go uncut, grass grows high and becomes a
21 hide out haven for animals and humans won't happen? The fact is, this has happened for decades
22 throughout the Southland. What use to matter no longer matters here in Olympia Fields under
23 this Administration. Our HOA Policies and protocols use to be respected by the Village's Staff,
24 Committee, and Board of Trustees resulting in us supporting the overall goal of beautification,
25 safety and improving our property values. Thank you. Village President Burke stated thank you.

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27 Ms. Constance Means stated sitting here listening to this, I am the President of Maynegaite. I
28 have a concern. I'm concerned because we have a similar issue with something that hasn't
29 reached you yet. Our Covenants clearly state that you cannot build certain out buildings on
30 properties. It's long-standing. And yet a storage unit was allowed. And to-date we don't have a
31 final inspection on that storage unit. I've been asking for information to pull it together. So, I'm
32 not sure that what I'm hearing tonight and how I'm receiving it, is indicative of a pattern. I don't
33 know what the checks and balances of all this is going to be. But if HOAs are not going to be
34 highly regarded and respected by the Village and Village personnel, then it makes it almost next
35 to impossible for us to do an effective job. We are those soldiers out there making sure that
36 residents are doing what they need to do to keep this a very beautiful place.

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38 All of us bought into this wonderful place because we saw something here we loved and we like.
39 And we want to maintain that. I would hate to think that we are developing this thing it's us
40 against them. That's never going to be good. I've lived through Woodlawn falling, Englewood
41 falling, Chatham falling. And if you are from this area, you know the neighborhoods I'm talking
42 about. Stony Island Heights falling. I've lived through all of that. I've watched African-
43 Americans reach a certain height, and then the communities deteriorate. I'm saying tonight that
44 please consider that we don't have to work adversarially with one another. What we're doing in
45 the community to preserve a community is far too important for it to be about anything other
46 than what it needs to be about, the preservation of a beautiful community. And one that can be so
47 very powerful and so very majority black. I love that idea.

1 I'm here to say that I have as an HOA President, experienced a little bit of this push and pull. I'm
2 asking you as Trustees, and as Village President, to call up some of these instances on the people
3 who you are putting in responsibility to head these offices to make sure that things are running
4 according to the way they are suppose to in the Covenants. I know there are 15 HOAs. I know
5 that. But I think we can all keep up with that and what has to be done, because you make it very
6 difficult for us if you don't consider the Covenants, the historical response to those Covenants,
7 and how that has been played out.

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9 And I do know that you need to make decisions. I understood what you were saying tonight,
10 Trustee Blackwell, about this whole matter. But I think we need to think about too what is going
11 to be good for our Village. We want people to serve in these offices. We want people able to
12 serve in these offices and to do it well. I implore you to take a look at things and see what's
13 going on. Because I have not been satisfied with the response to the gray wall that is
14 deteriorating on Route 30. That has been going on too long. When is the Village going to step in
15 and do something? Is it because it backs up to Maynegaitte and it is called "The Reserves of
16 Maynegaitte?" I don't know. My members don't know. We are turning over houses over there. I
17 think we need to stop, step back a minute, and take a look at some things. It would behoove us
18 all. I'd like to stay here. I'd like to remain here. And Lord knows the taxes are not encouraging
19 it. I know that is not the Village. Taxes are not encouraged. But please, take a look at what we're
20 doing and how we're doing it. It's important that we're able to function and function well as
21 HOA Presidents. Thank you. Village President Burke stated thank you for your comments.

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23 My name is Lee Langon. I am the President of Olympia Club Homeowners Association. First
24 and foremost, Seasons Greetings to the Board, to all of my neighbors. I just want to make a
25 couple of points. President Burke, you said that you were going to run an open, honest, inclusive
26 government. That includes citizen's input. I'm not feeling like I got a lot of input when it is now
27 9:25 and I just got a chance to speak. You campaigned, and I campaigned with you against
28 Public Comment being at the end of the meeting. A lot of folks, they may just have a comment
29 and they want to leave. They don't want to hear the rest of the Village's business. However, we
30 got to sit through all this business that you signed up for that we didn't. We need to move this
31 Public Comment up to the front of the meeting and not at the end of the meeting, after you voted,
32 after you decided, talked amongst yourselves without any citizen input. It's asinine. And you ran
33 against that. Sure, you did. But anyway, let's continue.

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35 I have a couple of things. McDonnell put out these Frequently Asked Questions. One of them,
36 "Did the Village approve any Permits, Utility Permits, Plans, or Submittals as it pertains to a Lot
37 Consolidation Request by the owner of the Olympia Club Subdivision Lots 25, 26, and 27?" He
38 said the answer was "No." Well, I'm here to tell you that it was an Engineering Report that the
39 Village Engineer signed off on, on those lots, and utilities were moved. Okay. I was there
40 watching them do it. ComEd was there. Now, also, the term "Abrogate" it means to throw out.
41 This woman wants to throw out our Covenants. That's what abrogate means. We have a Planned
42 Unit Development that this Village signed off on in 2006. This Village signed off on with this
43 developer the Covenants we had. Our Covenants do not supersede or interfere with any Village
44 Ordinances. And when the Ordinance isn't clear, our Covenants should prevail. So, we feared
45 that you're not really reading and understanding what's going on, and just going on a
46 recommendation, McDonnell's and the Planning & Zoning Commission. You vote straight ahead
47 yes.

1 Well, we have 37 lots in Olympia Club. Ten of those lots is almost a square block. Ms. Watkins
2 can buy those 10 lots, that square block, and say, “Hey, I’m going to put up one home. I’m going
3 to abrogate this. We have a precedent where lots have been consolidated. I’m going to build one
4 home and I’m going to pay one assessment.” Well, our Covenants say that this is suppose to be
5 77 lots and 77 homes. Ms. Little wants to consolidate her lots and pay one assessment. She
6 bought three lots. Okay. It’s 41,000 square feet. Almost an acre of land. Every one in Olympia
7 Club objected to this. We objected to it over, and over, and over, because we can see where this
8 can go into the future. Sure, there’s houses on multiple lots. But that was done years ago. It
9 wasn’t a PUD. It’s not Olympia Club. And you just basically threw all that out. We’re suppose to
10 have 77 houses on 77 lots. So, can you see where I’m going with this? You did this precedent.
11 Now, somebody can come in and do something else. And it spells the end of our Homeowners
12 Association. We have acres and acres of common area in Olympia Club all up and down Kedzie
13 Avenue. We cut that berm. We maintain that berm. We buy trees, bushes, shrubbery, and we do
14 all the maintenance of it. We also have a couple of ponds there. If we don’t have the money to
15 continue with our Homeowners Association, which every lot owner, our Association dues go
16 with the land. It doesn’t matter whether they have a house or not. If you bought a lot, you have to
17 pay Association dues on that lot. The dues go with the land. She wants to consolidate. She wants
18 to pay one. She wants to put a house across three lots.

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20 We cannot, and will not allow this variance here that you voted on tonight. We will take it to
21 every Court in the land to stop this because we do have standing. Covenants are a contract. When
22 they bought that house, they had the Covenants. They knew what our Covenants were. It is a
23 contract. And she is trying to break it and you guys just helped her. Trustee Watkins stated thank
24 you, Mr. Langon.

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26 Hardy Williams, 3109 Messina Drive. Just a point of clarification. Mr. President, you had spoke
27 about Olympia Club and the homes, the vacant lots. And the builder, the developer, just left.
28 That really didn’t happen that way. The first house was built in Olympia Club in 2007. I was one
29 of the first homeowners. The builder at the time was building houses almost every week. What
30 happened in 2008, as most of you know, the housing market crashed. When it crashed, a lot of
31 those builders and developers because we had more than one in Olympia Club at the time,
32 Madison Homes was the primary. We had Sligo 5. Those guys went bankrupt after the market
33 failed. So, what happened? There were no houses being built. Now, Sligo 5 stayed around for a
34 few more years trying to make it work. And they did, in fact, build several homes. Every home
35 they built was sold. But what happened when they went bankrupt, a land grabber came in and
36 purchased the lots, not a builder. When he purchased the lots, the homes stopped being built
37 because still the market had not started growing at that time. If we would have had a builder to
38 purchase those lots, all of those lots would have been built out. We would have the home
39 allowance that we’re obligated to have based on our Covenants. So, I say that it’s not a lack of
40 opportunity. It’s a lack of having a builder owning those lots. If a builder would buy those lots
41 tomorrow, homes would start being built tomorrow. Thank you. Trustee Watkins stated thank
42 you. Village President Burke Closed Public Comment at 9:25 P.M.

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44 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

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46 **Appointment of Demetra Ashley to the Community Relations Commission – Village**
47 President Burke stated the Board should have before it Demetra Ashley, 38 Graymoor Lane,

1 Olympia Fields. She is a retired consultant. Her Résumé is in your packet. She has been in
2 Olympia Fields for three years. She has already been working with the CRC. She wants to be on
3 the Community Relations Commission.

4 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, Second by Trustee Pennington to Approve Demetra Ashley to be**
5 **a Member of the Community Relations Commission.**

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

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8 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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10 **Motion by Trustee Watkins, Second by Trustee Finley to Adjourn the Board Meeting at**
11 **9:28 P.M.**

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

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14 Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.

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