

1 **EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE NEED TO RECONVENE:**

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3 **To Discuss Matters of Collective Bargaining According to the Open Meetings Act Section**
4 **5ILCS120/2(c)(2) -**

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6 **To Discuss Matters of Personnel According to the Open Meetings Act Section**
7 **5ILCS120/2(c)(1) -**

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9 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, Second by Trustee Finley to go into Executive Session at**
10 **5:00 P.M. with the Need to Reconvene at a Later Time, to Discuss Matters of Collective**
11 **Bargaining According to the Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(2); and to Discuss**
12 **Matters of Personnel According to the Open Meetings Act Section 5ILCS120/2(c)(1).**

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

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15 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

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17 **Motion by Trustee Watkins, Second by Trustee Oliver to Return to Open Session at 5:24**
18 **P.M.**

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

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21 **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS**
22 **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
23 **Held on May 28, 2020**

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25 Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees is being
26 conducted remotely via teleconference. The Special Meeting was held on Thursday, May 28th,
27 2020. The meeting was called to order by Village President Sterling M. Burke at 5:32 P.M. The
28 Village Clerk, Drella Savage, proceeded to call the Roll.

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30 Present: Trustees – Watkins, Oliver, Pennington, Finley, and Matz
31 Village President Sterling M. Burke
32 Village Administrator, Cynthia Saenz
33 Village Clerk, Drella Savage

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35 Absent: Trustee Thomas.

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37 Drella Savage stated that she is the Village Clerk for the Village of Olympia Fields. She stated
38 that also on the call is the Village Administrator, Cynthia Saenz; Village Attorney, Mr. John
39 Murphey; Building Commissioner, Mr. John McDonnell; Finance Director, Ms. Betty Zigras;
40 Director of Public Works, Mr. Jim Landini; Sergeant Blasingame; and the Court Reporter, Faith
41 Stine.

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43 Village Clerk Drella Savage, stated that she would like to note, for the record, that we were in
44 Executive Session. We opened up in Public Session. We closed into Executive Session from 5
45 o'clock P.M. until 5:24 P.M. to handle matters that could not be done in the Public Session.

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1 Village President Burke wanted to remind everyone that this is a remote meeting. This is a
2 Special Meeting of the Village Board. This Board Meeting is unusual because of the COVID-19
3 Virus Pandemic. Due to the Governor’s Stay-at-Home Order, all members of the governing body
4 and staff are participating remotely. We are using the AT&T Conference Call Program that
5 allows us to be in different places and participate as if we were all in the council chambers at
6 Village Hall.

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8 All of the requirements of the Open Meetings Act will be in effect during this meeting. We will
9 be making sure that all guidelines are being followed, even though we are remote. Meeting rules
10 for Public Comment: We have developed an informal protocol where Board Members can speak,
11 and then when they are done speaking say, “I yield,” so that we are not talking over each other.

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13 The amendment to the Open Meetings Act requires that we allow the public to observe the
14 meeting. It does not require the public to be given an opportunity to participate in the meeting.
15 However, it is our policy to give the public the opportunity to present comments to the Board.
16 With that in mind, the public was given an opportunity to submit comments by mail. We are
17 recording this meeting. A copy of the completed minutes will be posted on our website when
18 approved. Let’s get started with the meeting.

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20 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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22 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, Second by Trustee Finley to Dispense with the Reading of**
23 **the Minutes, and Approve the Minutes of the April 30th, 2020, Board Meeting as Presented.**
24 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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26 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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28 **Ratification for May Bills for Approval - \$249,129.58** – Village President Burke stated that
29 next is the Ratification of the May Bills for approval of \$249,129.58. All of you had an
30 opportunity to do a vote via email. This is a ratification of those Bills that you approved
31 electronically.
32 **Motion by Trustee Matz, Second by Trustee Watkins for Ratification of the Bills**
33 **Previously Approved for May, 2020, in the Amount of \$249,129.58.**
34 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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36 **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

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38 **Report of the Village President:**

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40 **Resolution #2020-02** – A Resolution Approving an Extension of the Collective Bargaining
41 Agreement with the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Olympia Fields Chapter #678 – Village
42 President Burke stated that this is a Special Meeting to cover these items. He stated that the first
43 item is Resolution #2020-02 - A Resolution Approving an Extension of the Collective
44 Bargaining Agreement with the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Olympia Fields Chapter #678
45 from May 1st, 2020 to April 30th, 2021.

1 **Motion by Trustee Matz, Second by Trustee Finley to Approve Resolution No. 2020-02 - A**
2 **Resolution Approving an Extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the**
3 **Metropolitan Alliance of Police Olympia Fields Chapter #678 from May 1st, 2020 to April**
4 **30th, 2021.**

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

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7 **Resolution #2020-03** – A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement (MAP
8 Civilians/May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2021) – Village President Burke stated next is Resolution
9 #2020-03 - A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement (MAP Civilians/May
10 1st, 2018 – April 30th, 2021).

11 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, Second by Trustee Pennington to Approve Resolution**
12 **No. 2020-03 - A Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement (MAP Civilian**
13 **Chapter #747 from May 1st, 2018 to April 30th, 2021).**

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

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16 **Authorization to Implement a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Non-Union**
17 **Employees for Fiscal Year 2021** – Village President Burke stated that next on the Agenda, is
18 authorization to implement a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the Non-Union Employees
19 for Fiscal Year 2021.

20 **Motion by Trustee Watkins, Second by Trustee Pennington to Authorize the Director of**
21 **Finance to Implement a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Non-Union Employees for**
22 **Fiscal Year 2021.**

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

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25 **Report of the Village Administrator:**

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27 **Ordinance #2020-12** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, “Taxation,” Article VII, “Local
28 Motor Fuel Tax” of the Olympia Fields Village Code [First & Second Reading] – Village
29 Administrator Saenz stated that the next item we have on the Agenda, is an Ordinance amending
30 the local Motor Fuel Tax. In the Board Packet, there is a short memo explaining that this
31 particular Ordinance was passed last September by the Board, based on an Ordinance that we
32 received through IML. Now that the General Assembly has had a chance to review the
33 Ordinance, the Ordinances that were submitted by all of the towns, they changed the language.
34 We need to make some modifications to the Ordinance. The Village Attorney, Mr. Murphey, has
35 done that for us. We just need to submit this new, amended Ordinance to the State before
36 October. Village Administrator Saenz stated that she also included the letter that the Village
37 received from the Illinois Department of Revenue. We will begin collecting the taxes in July, but
38 in order for us to continue on after the end of the year we have to have the Ordinance submitted
39 for their files.

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41 Trustee Pennington stated that he has an observation. It is in Section 20-101, “Imposition of
42 Tax.” Item (b). It is the new language, (b). There is a misspelled word there. You have “moto.” It
43 should be “motor.”

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45 Village Administrator Saenz stated that she sees that as well. She stated that we will make that
46 correction.

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, Second by Trustee Oliver to Waive in First Reading and**
2 **Approve in Second Reading Ordinance No. 2020-12 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter**
3 **20, “Taxation,” Article VII, “Local Motor Fuel Tax” of the Olympia Fields Village Code.**
4 **Roll Call: Ayes (5-0) Motion Carried.**

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6 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
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8 Village President Burke opened Public Comment at 5:49 P.M. Village President Burke stated
9 that we left one thing off that we want to do. We gave the public an opportunity until 5 o'clock
10 yesterday to send us any emails that they had, or comments that they had.
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12 **Letter Regarding Wal-Mart** - Village President Burke stated that we have one comment from
13 Ms. Young in Athenia Park. He stated that he is going to read her comment. “I am a resident of
14 Athenia Park, and I live on Troy Circle directly behind Wal-Mart. I have been listening to Wal-
15 Mart’s loud public announcement system every 5 minutes from the stores opening until after the
16 store closes since Easter weekend (currently 7 A.M. to 9 P.M.). For two weeks, I have been
17 trying to figure out how to have these announcements cease. I now know that the announcements
18 violate Sec. 15-22 of the Olympia Fields Code of Ordinances. I am trying to understand why this
19 has been allowed to go on.
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21 According to the Ordinance, the police are to enforce so I called the police to file a complaint on
22 Friday, May 22nd. When I spoke to Officer Mayer (Badge #428), he told me that he and his
23 supervisor both agreed that the announcements were a problem. He said he would speak to the
24 store manager and get back to me hopefully on Friday. I haven’t heard anything, and the
25 announcements are still waking me up at 7 A.M. every morning and disturbing my peace every 5
26 minutes after that.
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28 I don’t care that it is Wal-Mart and that it is a billion-dollar company. I am a resident. I pay
29 taxes, and I was here first! I hope that the Village will prioritize Athenia Park’s residents’ peace
30 to resolve this and not the special interests of Wal-Mart.”
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32 Village President Burke stated that he personally got this letter. He sent a note back. He copied
33 her. He spoke to the Police Chief. Village President Burke and Cindy talked about it. He stated
34 that Sergeant Blasingame is on the phone to address and answer this comment.
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36 Sergeant Blasingame stated that when you spoke to Chief Morgan, Chief Morgan and Officer
37 Mayer went over to Wal-Mart. They talked to the management at Wal-Mart. They were informed
38 at the time that the system was set up that only corporate could turn it off. However, they did
39 turn it off at that time, but it became a problem again.
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41 Sergeant Blasingame stated at that time, Reggi went over there and spoke with them. We gave
42 them 48-hours to resolve the issue. As of this morning, you can no longer hear the speaker.
43 Sergeant Blasingame stated that he was over there four times today. The last time at 4:30. He
44 stated that you can’t hear it anymore.
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46 Village President Burke inquired of Sergeant Blasingame whether or not they have touched base
47 with Ms. Young. Sergeant Blasingame stated that he has not. He will do that tomorrow morning.

1 Village President Burke stated if you could, he knows there were several attempts by himself, as
2 well as Officer Mayer to get in touch with her. The phone wasn't being answered. Since we have
3 fixed this problem, and Wal-Mart understands that they can't do that, and shouldn't do that,
4 because for one of the reasons, the proximity it is to the houses right next to it. This is one person
5 that had a complaint and it was warranted. Village President Burke stated that he has been over
6 there a number of times to ensure that they are practicing social distancing. Wal-Mart is going
7 out of their way to do everything that they possibly can to adhere to the Governor's Order. He
8 thinks that it would be a good idea to go and have someone knock on her door, and make sure
9 that she understands that there is no other problem and get from her that it has been resolved. We
10 know that it has been resolved. We want to make sure that the customer feels that way also.
11 Sergeant Blasingame stated that he will take care of that the first thing in the morning.

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13 **The Village Hopes to Resume the Regular Board Meeting Schedule** - Village President
14 Burke stated that we hope to resume our regular meeting schedule at the next meeting. The
15 Governor has said that it is up to the local Mayors to open up their Villages as they see fit.
16 Depending on what happens after this Memorial Day weekend, we have already taken some
17 steps to start reopening the Village. We have already sent letters out for Court to be on the 16th of
18 June. We have a plan for the people who come into Court. They will remain outside so there is
19 not more than two, or three, or four people inside the Village Hall at a particular time. He stated
20 that whether or not we will continue to have these meetings remotely like this, we will see how
21 things go. We will have our next regular meeting on the prescribed date unless something
22 changes. Village President Burke closed Public Comment at 5:54 P.M.

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24 **MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR GEORGE FLOYD:**

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26 Trustee Matz inquired whether or not we could get a moment of silence in regards to the
27 acknowledgement of the senseless death of George Floyd in Minnesota. The whole world is at
28 unrest right now because of it. She believes that we should acknowledge that that is not
29 something that we want to happen in our community, or any of our surrounding communities.
30 Can we get a few minutes to just acknowledge that?

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32 Village President Burke stated that he thought that was a great idea. We will take a moment to do
33 that. (At this time, the Board had a moment of silence for George Floyd).

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35 Trustee Matz thanked Village President Burke for the moment of silence. She stated that she
36 appreciates that.

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38 Village President Burke stated that we appreciate her thought, and we all feel the same way. He
39 stated that anybody that looked at that video, knows that this is absolutely ridiculous. The really,
40 really good thing is that with our Police Department, we will not have anything like that in this
41 Village. At the same time, in solidarity with other people around this country, your suggestion
42 was a very good suggestion. Thank you very much for that.

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44 **Thank You from Trustee Oliver** - Trustee Oliver stated that he just wanted to take a moment to
45 give personal gratitude to the Board President, to the Board as a whole, to the Administration,
46 and to all who sent cards, flowers, well wishes, and the like during the funeral of his mother-in-
47 law, Mrs. Carlee Hatchett. It was a very, very nice touch. His wife, Pam, still grieves. Your

1 generosity has helped us to get through this. As you know, Trustee Matz has gone through a
2 similar kind of deal going through this during COVID. He stated that this is one heck of a way to
3 have your loved one remembered as they go out. And as you also know, this is a grieving time
4 for Fred Veazey, who is the Chairman of the Educational Commission. So, just to let you know,
5 that bringing this all back home, we are in our own little sort of pain. Again, most importantly,
6 thank you all for your warm wishes.

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8 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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10 **Motion by Trustee Matz, Second by Trustee Oliver to Adjourn the Board Meeting at 5:57**
11 **P.M.**

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

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14 Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.

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