

1 Administrator Saenz stated that the only thing we did was she introduced everyone else here.
2 Now, we are ready for the Elected President Pro-Tem to move forward with the meeting.

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4 Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated thank you, ladies and gentlemen, and good
5 evening. He stated that this Board Meeting is unusual because of the COVID-19 virus pandemic.
6 Due to the Governor’s Stay-at-Home Order, all members of the governing Board and staff are
7 participating remotely. We are using an AT&T Conference Call Program that allows us to be in
8 different places and participate as if we were all in the council chambers at Village Hall.

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

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

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22 In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and in light of the Governor’s most recent
23 Disaster Declaration, I have determined that fully in-person meetings conducted under the Open
24 Meetings Act are not practical or prudent because of the current pandemic disaster. Accordingly,
25 meetings may still be conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a
26 quorum of the Board of Trustees.

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28 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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30 Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated that tonight we have two sections of Minutes of our
31 August 17th, 2020, Board Workshop, and our Board Meeting. We will discuss those Minutes at
32 this particular point in time. He stated that we will start with the Minutes of the Workshop with
33 the Board of Trustees on August 17th, 2020. He trusts that everyone has had a chance to read
34 over the Workshop Minutes. Are there any questions and/or corrections noted? He stated hearing
35 none, may he have a Motion to accept the Minutes?

36 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, Second by Trustee Watkins to Dispense with the Reading of the**
37 **Minutes of the August 17th, 2020, Board Workshop; and to Approve the Minutes of the**
38 **August 17th, 2020 Board Workshop as Presented.**

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

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41 Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated that the next set of Minutes are from the Board of
42 Trustees meeting held on the same day, August 17th, 2020. Has everyone had a chance to review
43 these Minutes? And if so, are there any questions and/or corrections to be noted? Hearing none,
44 may he have a Motion to accept the Minutes of our Board of Trustee meeting held on August
45 17th, 2020?

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1 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, Second by Trustee Matz to Dispense with the Reading of the**
2 **Minutes of the August 17th, 2020, Board Meeting; and to Approve the Minutes of the**
3 **August 17th, 2020 Board Meeting as Presented.**

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

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6 **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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8 **August Bills for Approval - \$378,756.10** – Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated on our
9 agenda, are bills for the month of August in the amount of \$378,756.10. You have a cover memo
10 in your packet detailing and outlining the most significant expenditures during that period. Are
11 there any questions and/or comments relative to the Bills for Approval?

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13 Trustee Oliver stated just a quick question for clarification. He stated that he noticed that there
14 are 25 houses in the Village that have liens on them in this bill. Is that a lien for landscaping or
15 grass cutting? He stated that each of them is \$88.00.

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17 Mr. McDonnell, the Building Commissioner, stated that those are liens for doing work generally
18 at vacant properties. Trustee Oliver stated thank you. Village President Pro-Tem Pennington
19 inquired whether or not there were any other questions regarding the Bills for Approval. He
20 stated hearing none, may he have a Motion requesting payment of the bills in the amount of
21 \$378,756.10.

22 **Motion by Trustee Matz, Second by Trustee Watkins to Approve the Bills for August 2020**
23 **in the amount of \$378,756.10.**

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

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26 **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

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28 **Report of the Village President:**

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30 Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated that next on our agenda is the Report of the
31 President. He does not have a report from President Burke. We will move to the Report of the
32 Village Administrator.

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34 **Report of the Village Administrator:**

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36 **Resolution #2020-06 – A Resolution Approving the “Intergovernmental and Subrecipient**
37 **Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds” with Cook County** – Village Administrator Saenz
38 stated that what you have in front of you as our next action item on the agenda is a Resolution
39 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County. As you will see in your packet,
40 here at Village Hall we did receive a letter from President Toni Preckwinkle giving us an
41 indication of what our allotment of the \$51,000,000.00 received by Cook County from the
42 Federal Government would be as it relates to COVID-19. We are currently in the process of
43 applying for reimbursement for two different Grants. One, we have spoken about before, which
44 is the Grant through FEMA. Now we have this particular Grant through Cook County. In order
45 for us to submit for the reimbursement of \$169,000.00, we need to have an approved Resolution,
46 and also the approved Intergovernmental Agreement which is before you today.

1 Village Administrator Saenz stated that basically, what our plan is, in order to receive the entire
2 \$169,000.00, there has been a change in the criteria, the requirements, as it relates to
3 reimbursement through Cook County. We can submit for reimbursement for all straight time and
4 benefits for our First Responders. Once we get through this particular Board Meeting, we will be
5 submitting for reimbursement for the entire \$169,000.00 to be reimbursed to us and then
6 deposited into the General Fund. We will continue to submit reimbursements through FEMA,
7 which we have already submitted about \$20,000.00 in reimbursements to FEMA. The FEMA
8 reimbursement only reimburses us 75%. We will get 75% of all of the funds that we have
9 expended for cleaning Village Hall, all the PPE that we have had to purchase, and all of the setup
10 that we have had to do here at Village Hall to make sure that we are practicing social distancing.

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12 Village Administrator Saenz stated that what you have before you this evening, is again,
13 approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds through Cook
14 County.

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16 Trustee Finley inquired of Village Administrator Saenz that she was very specific about saying
17 that the reimbursement is against work done at the Village Hall. Does it also include the space
18 that Jim Landini uses and Old Village Hall?

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20 Village Administrator Saenz stated yes. It would include anything that we've done basically,
21 within the Village to align ourselves and position ourselves to actually combat COVID. Yes,
22 definitely. Any cleaning that we've done at Old Village Hall, the Public Works facility, along
23 with their lunch room. Anything that Jim has had to purchase for PPE and his vehicles. Yes, it
24 will include anything. Trustee Finley thanked Village Administrator Saenz.

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26 Trustee Oliver inquired will both the FEMA, as well as the Cook County Grant, provide us with
27 the funding that the Village has expended on COVID-19 related incidents? Is there a difference
28 in the expenses versus what we may receive from both Grants?

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30 Village Administrator Saenz stated that one of the things that is suggested, is that we submit for
31 reimbursement through FEMA first. And whatever FEMA reimburses us for, we cannot submit
32 to the County. She stated just so that you are not receiving duplicate payments for the same type
33 of expenses. FEMA has different criteria than what Cook County has as far as reimbursement.
34 As a suggestion of the Grant Writer, we are submitting all expenses to FEMA that we have
35 expended. We will be submitting for any overtime that was incurred in the police department.
36 Everything will get submitted through FEMA in that regard. As far as the County goes, two
37 weeks ago when they opened up this door to say that any straight time salaries for our police
38 officers and our firemen can be reimbursed between that timeframe of March and December, it
39 has been suggested to all of the towns, all of the municipalities, that we just go ahead and submit
40 for those dollars, because we know that our officers will be paid and we know that we have at
41 least \$169,000.00 in expense in that department. We are just going to take the lead and just
42 submit for that reimbursement. Then we will run everything else through FEMA.

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44 Village President Pro-Tem Pennington inquired whether or not salaries are reimbursed under the
45 FEMA Contract. Village Administrator Saenz stated not straight time salaries for First
46 Responders. Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated that we can go 100% with the Cook

1 County component for salaries. Village Administrator Saenz stated correct. She stated that way,
2 we will maximize, and we know that we will receive all the funds that are allocated to us.

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4 Village Administrator Saenz stated that last week she already submitted the paperwork on the
5 intent to collect. The dollar amount is based as it says, they did a calculation based on the
6 municipality and the size. There are some towns that are getting a lot more than we are. She
7 stated but \$169,000.00 would definitely make a difference for us. As she stated, we definitely
8 have that in salaries in the police department that we can be reimbursed for. Village President
9 Pro-Tem Pennington stated good. Village Administrator Saenz stated that she hoped that
10 answered Trustee Oliver's question. Trustee Oliver stated yes, it did. He thanked Village
11 Administrator Saenz.

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13 Village President Pro-Tem Pennington inquired of the Trustees whether or not there were any
14 other questions regarding Resolution No. 2020-06. The Trustees did not have any further
15 questions.

16 **Motion by Trustee Matz, Second by Trustee Oliver to Approve Resolution No. 2020-06 – A**
17 **Resolution Approving the “Intergovernmental and Subrecipient Agreement for**
18 **Coronavirus Relief Funds” with the County of Cook.**

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

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21 Village Administrator Saenz asked Acting Chief Scott Morgan to give the Board an update on
22 the incident from last week in Maynegaite.

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24 **Update on Incident in Maynegaite -** Acting Chief Scott Morgan stated that on September 7th,
25 last Monday was Labor Day, at about 10:20 P.M. our officers were dispatched to Maynegaite in
26 the 21,000 block of London for shots fired. Upon their arrival, they located a vehicle that was
27 running that had bullet holes in the vehicle. We did locate a victim. Unfortunately, he passed
28 away at St. James Hospital.

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30 Acting Chief Morgan stated that the Olympia Fields Police Department has worked very
31 diligently on this case. We do have a person of interest. He can't give many details on it because
32 this is still an ongoing investigation. He hopes that possibly tomorrow, this could all be possibly
33 wrapped up. He inquired if there were any questions from the Trustees.

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35 Trustee Finley inquired of Acting Chief Morgan that when he says, “All wrapped up,” what does
36 he mean. Acting Chief Morgan stated that we have a suspect, a person of interest. We believe,
37 possibly tonight, we might have him in custody. Hopefully, with the interviews and everything,
38 we are going to know how this case is going to move forward. Trustee Finley thanked Acting
39 Chief Morgan.

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41 **Thank you to Chief Morgan and the Olympia Fields Police Department -** Village
42 Administrator Saenz stated that she would like to commend Acting Chief Scott Morgan,
43 Detective Don Dean, and the entire Olympia Fields Police Department for their coordination and
44 extreme dedication to the unfortunate incident that occurred last week in Maynegaite. There were
45 challenges from the very beginning with this case, but in true Olympia Fields fashion, our
46 officers stepped up to the plate and exercised excellent police work.

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1 Village Administrator Saenz stated that our officers show up and step out everyday and rarely,
2 thank goodness, are they involved in situations like a homicide. The good thing is that they were
3 ready and able to get this situation under control rather quickly with the limited resources that
4 they had, proving once again, that we have a great deal to be proud of when it comes to our
5 police department. Although police officers do not expect to be thanked for everything that they
6 do on a daily basis, recognition for exceptional service is always appreciated by anyone.

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8 Village Administrator Saenz stated that she believes that she speaks on behalf of the entire
9 community when she says, “Thank you to our officers for their unwavering dedication, and who
10 work tirelessly to serve and protect our community.”

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12 Village Administrator Saenz stated that Village President Burke wanted her to be sure that in his
13 absence, our police department was commended for their swift action and their great police
14 work. “Thank you, Chief Morgan, to you and to your department.”

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16 Trustee Oliver stated “Hear, Hear.” Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated “Hear, Hear.”
17 (There was a round of applause). Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated that he is sure
18 that we all echo the comments made by the Village Administrator in giving excellent awards to
19 our police department. They are the best. They are the best without question. Acting Chief
20 Morgan stated thank you.

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22 **TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

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24 **Building Department/Community Relations Commission – Trustee Finley** – Village
25 President Pro-Tem Pennington stated that now we will move on to the Trustee Liaison Reports
26 beginning with the Building Department and Community Relations Commission with Trustee
27 Finley.

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29 **Update on the Census Campaign - Trustee Finley** stated that she wanted to give an update on
30 our Census Campaign. The Village of Olympia Fields, the self-response data as of September
31 13th, 2020, the Village was at 78.3%, whereas the State of Illinois is behind us at 70.3%. That
32 means that the Village of Olympia Fields is currently eight percentage points above the State of
33 Illinois. She stated that to compare where we were the last time, we did a Census in 2010 the
34 total self-response rate was 76.5%. As we are at 78.3%, we are currently two percentage points
35 above our 2010 response. Currently, the Census takers are still going door-to-door to
36 non-response households through September 30th, 2020. The U.S. Census Bureau is ending the
37 counting efforts for the 2020 Census on September 30th. That’s a month sooner than had been
38 previously announced. That is the Census update.

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40 **Public Works/Park District – Trustee Matz** – Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated
41 Public Works/Park District, Trustee Matz. Trustee Matz stated that she doesn’t have any formal
42 report for Public Works.

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44 **Park District – Community Bazaar - Trustee Matz** stated that for the Park District she wanted
45 to inform the residents that they are having a Community Bazaar this Saturday, September 19th,
46 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. selling anything such as arts and crafts, or anything that you create
47 at home, they are allowing you to come out and sell that. You can have a table for rent. She

1 stated that for residents it is \$10.00. She stated for non-residents it is \$14.00. The tables will
2 adhere to social distancing and making sure that everybody is safe.

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4 **Public Safety/Educational Commission – Trustee Oliver** – Village President Pro-Tem
5 Pennington stated Trustee Oliver with Public Safety and the Educational Commission.

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7 **Educational Commission** – Trustee Oliver stated that as far as the Educational Commission
8 Report, the Commission had some scheduling conflicts during the month of September. We will
9 be making arrangements to make up for that meeting later this month. One of the pressing issues
10 for the Commission is to find out exactly how the virtual school is coming along here in our
11 School Districts. And to find out what is the level of engagement of the students, and report back
12 at the next meeting. That’s all that he has at the moment for the Educational Commission.

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14 **Public Safety Committee** – Trustee Oliver stated that regarding Public Safety, from time to time
15 he feels it is important to remind people who the members of the Committees are, so that it is not
16 just his voice that one might hear. It includes the voices of: Robert Lewis, Robert Dawson,
17 Richard Gibbs, Geraldine Tyler, Nate Grant, Erin Killingsworth-Walker, Dr. Micah Swansey and
18 our newest member, James O’Banner.

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20 **Code Red Notification** - Trustee Oliver stated that we’ve had a rather busy summer. He stated
21 among the bullet points of things that we are currently working on, he wants to begin by
22 announcing a campaign that we are undertaking which has to do with Public Safety, “It’s
23 Everyone’s Business.” He stated that what we mean by that is, as we know, not everyone is
24 connected or has registered with the Code Red Emergency Notification. On behalf of the
25 Committee, that is such an important involvement of the entire community that we need. He
26 stated that with things going on as they are today, there is so much in social media that goes
27 around that people read, that sometimes may not necessarily include all of the facts. Our Code
28 Red is sort of designed to give people the facts of a matter. He stated that for those who don’t
29 understand, the Village and SouthCom combined dispatch have collaborated to provide the Code
30 Red System, which is the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas of the Village or
31 the entire Village within minutes. A prerecorded message is delivered describing the critical
32 situation from evacuations to a missing child alert. If you are not registered with the system, we
33 lose out on providing that level of communication here in Olympia Fields that we really need,
34 particularly at this time in our history of Olympia Fields. You are going to hear more about an
35 effort being made to get as many people as possible to signup for the Code Red Notification,
36 which you can easily do on the Village’s website by scrolling down. The Village’s website is
37 beautiful. He stated all the more reason why to go and visit it, and while you are there signup for
38 Code Red.

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40 **Review of the Protocols of the Police Department** -Trustee Oliver stated that the Public Safety
41 Committee has been reviewing most of the salient protocols of the police department. He stated
42 such things as: You may have heard that there is a draft of a Village Emergency Operations Plan.
43 The good news there is thanks to the leadership of Acting Police Chief Scott Morgan, we went
44 from a 300 and something page document to about 150. The Public Safety Committee is now
45 reviewing that draft so that we can move it forward to the Village for its approval to be public.

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1 **Protocols for Officer Involved Shootings** - Trustee Oliver stated that we have also looked at
2 the Village's protocols regarding officer involved shootings. We are happy to report that there
3 have been none in at least 32 years, with the exception of having to put down a dog which had
4 been attacking a resident a few years ago.

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6 Trustee Oliver stated that we are also looking at the mandated, as well as core trainings of the
7 police. The body camera protocols and the monthly police calls. We are pleased to repeat
8 something that you have probably heard before, but the COVID-19 pandemic has sort of created
9 an opportunity for us to reorganize the police department. He stated that from all that he has
10 heard, it has been a great move.

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12 **Watch your Speed** - Trustee Oliver stated lastly, for those who are reading this report, be
13 forewarned, there will be a crackdown on speeding. There are several processes that will be in
14 place to get residents to reduce their speed. One of those, Acting Chief Morgan spoke about at
15 the last meeting, which was a trailer that has a speedometer that will alert you as you are driving
16 what your speed is compared to what it is suppose to be. Just be aware that the police are
17 noticeably aware that there has been a number of speeding concerns raised not only by the Public
18 Safety Committee, but others as well. Trustee Oliver stated that he will end his portion of the
19 meeting by saying that, "Public Safety is everyone's business," not just our Public Safety
20 Committee.

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22 Village President Pro-Tem Pennington thanked Trustee Oliver for that comprehensive report.
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24 **Finance/Planning & Zoning – Trustee Pennington** – Village President Pro-Tem Pennington
25 stated that in his capacity as Finance Liaison and Planning & Zoning Liaison, he has no report
26 this evening.

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28 **Human Resources/Police Pension – Trustee Thomas** – Village President Pro-Tem Pennington
29 stated that Trustee Thomas is not present.

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31 **Beautification Committee/Library Board** – Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated that
32 next is the Beautification Committee and the Library Board with Trustee Watkins.

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34 **Beautification Committee** - Trustee Watkins stated that the Beautification Committee met on
35 August 18th, 2020 via conference call at 6:00 P.M. The Summer Landscape Award winners
36 received a certificate, and a Perros Brothers Gift Card, and a congratulatory letter. It was given to
37 them by Committee Chairman, Arlene Burke and Co-Chair, Susan Gowen. The winners for our
38 Landscape Awards are as follows: First place of \$100.00 went to 20109 Aegina, located in
39 Olympia Club. Second place of \$75.00 went to 2521 Glenn Eagles, located in The Greens. Third
40 place of \$50.00 went to 20601 Arcadian, located in Arcadia.

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42 **50/50 Tree Program** - Trustee Watkins stated that as recognized by the Tree City U.S.A. and
43 the Village of Olympia Fields, in conjunction with the Beautification Committee, we offer a
44 50/50 Tree Program to our residents to help keep Olympia Fields green. This is a program where
45 the Village splits the cost of a tree with the resident, thus providing a savings of 50% on the
46 purchase price of the tree selected. Our residents can purchase up to two trees. This

1 communication went out to all of the HOA Presidents on August 19th. Our deadline is Noon on
2 Monday, September 21st, 2020.

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4 **Library Board** – Trustee Watkins stated that as for the Library Report we have not resumed
5 meetings yet.

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7 **Inquiry on Tree Program** - Village President Pro-Tem Pennington inquired of Trustee Watkins
8 whether or not the trees are fast-growing trees, or are they just standard tree seedlings. Do you
9 know?

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11 Trustee Watkins stated that she is not a tree expert. She did look at the trees. This year there is a
12 really good selection. She stated for example, the Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry, she just
13 purchased personally herself six of them prior to the Tree Program. They have already grown by
14 two feet. Those are really nice. The Eastern Redbud which she really recommends because the
15 price that we have it at is just a third of what they normally cost. It's a fast-growing tree as well.
16 We have Oaks this year. Those are slow growing because they grow up to like 60 feet. The rest
17 of them, within three years you should see some growth.

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19 Village Pro-Tem Pennington inquired of Trustee Watkins whether or not she could give us an
20 estimate price point on these. Trustee Watkins stated \$150.00 to the residents. That's
21 approximately. Some are a little less. Some are a little more. She stated that it is about \$150.00
22 per tree. Trustee Watkins stated that she is hoping that all of the HOA Presidents did get this
23 information turned out to them.

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25 Village Administrator Saenz stated that she just wanted to add that the information for the 50/50
26 Tree Program is on the website as well.

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28 Trustee Watkins inquired as far as planting the trees, don't we offer planting also through the
29 Village. Mr. Landini stated yes, as part of the Tree Program anybody who submits for the Tree
30 Program, there is an option to pick a planting option by DJ Landscape. They will come out and
31 plant the tree at the property at a cost. He doesn't have the flier in front of him. It's not a
32 significant cost. They will come out to the property and plant the tree. Trustee Watkins stated no
33 matter if it is one or two, correct. It's the same price. Flat rate, right? Mr. Landini stated that is
34 correct. He stated just a flat rate for showing up at the house and planting one or two trees. He
35 thinks that it is two max for each homeowner. Trustee Watkins stated that she just wanted to
36 double-check.

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38 **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:**

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40 **Upward Bound Program** - Trustee Matz stated that she has partnered with one of our new
41 businesses in the community, the Gloria J. Taylor Foundation with the Upward Bound Program
42 that deals with youth and mentoring them, and getting them off to college and making sure that
43 they do college tours. They are one of our new businesses in our Business District. She partnered
44 with the CEO and CFO, Dr. Theresa Dixon and Cliff Taylor to do a cleanup date in the
45 community. She stated that part of their program is helping the kids generate their volunteer
46 hours to graduate. Trustee Matz stated that because of COVID-19 that is going to be a little
47 difficult. She came up with the idea, since it is fall, to jump off fall with cleaning up our most

1 visible areas in Olympia Fields. She stated that with Jim Landini’s direction, he is directing us on
2 how to do that safely. The National Neighborhood Services of Chicago is donating to them T-
3 shirts, work gloves, trash bags, water, and granola snacks for the kids. She has about 40
4 volunteers. She invited the Homeowners Associations, all 15 of them, to come and direct in what
5 areas they feel in their subdivision should have a little attention. She is talking about high
6 visibility entrance points into the community. She noticed a little more trash out there than usual.
7 Trustee Matz stated to keep our little bit of heaven clean and sparkling, she thinks it is a great
8 effort, as well as having the kids buy into their future by not putting trash in it.

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10 Trustee Matz stated that it is September 26th from 8:00 A.M. to Noon. The address is 20080
11 Governors Drive which is right behind the police station. She will be sending fliers out tomorrow
12 and putting it in everybody’s mailbox via the Trustees if you would like to join us for that
13 adventure.

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15 Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated that’s great, Upward Bound. He is dating himself
16 now. He attended the first Upward Bound Session in his hometown when Upward Bound came
17 into existence. That was in 1964.

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19 Trustee Matz stated so this is why you turned into such a fine young man. You can appreciate
20 what Upward Bound does for our children. Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated
21 absolutely.

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23 Trustee Finley stated that she is an Upward Bounder too. Village President Pro-Tem Pennington
24 stated wonderful. Trustee Matz stated so we all understand the importance of that. She wants to
25 extend an invite, if you have not come and toured their facility, please if you come that day and
26 you can’t give us time to serve, please come and tour the facility. You will be quite impressed at
27 the organization and how many kids they have helped to go to college. They follow them
28 through the four years of college. They don’t just send them. They continue with them because it
29 is a struggle when you go off to college and you have never been away from home. She stated
30 that you still need that support, and that familiar face and voice saying, “You can do it.” Please,
31 everyone come out that day and enjoy. It is going to be a beautiful day. She knows it is.

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33 Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated that it is a little bit different today than it was 66
34 years ago though. They didn’t follow us when we were in school though because we were still in
35 high school in the original Upward Bound Program.

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37 **The Passing of Trustee Shirley Nale** – Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated that as
38 many of you know, Trustee Shirley Nale passed on August 16th. She was a long-time resident of
39 the Village. She served two terms on our Board, serving as liaison to Human Resources, as well
40 as the Community Relations Commission. Her husband Bob, who preceded her in transitioning
41 held prominent roles on the Educational Commission, and was very vocal about the best that we
42 could do for our children that were enrolled in 227. He was an interval instrument to our
43 Educational Commission.

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45 **Moment of Silence for Trustee Shirley Nale** - Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated
46 that at this particular point in time, on behalf of Trustee Nale, he would like to have a moment of

1 silence for her, in recognition of her service to the Village of Olympia Fields and to the Village
2 of Olympia Fields Board of Trustees. Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated thank you.
3 Trustee Oliver thanked Village President Pro-Tem Pennington.
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5 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
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7 Village President Pro-Tem Pennington opened Public Comment at 7:52 P.M. Village
8 Administrator Cindy Saenz stated that we did not have any public comments submitted as of
9 3:10 P.M. today for tonight's meeting. There are no public comments to be read into the record.
10 Village President Pro-Tem Pennington closed Public Comment at 7:52 P.M.
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12 **NEW BUSINESS:**
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14 **Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau Office** - Trustee Oliver stated that he
15 noticed that there was an email regarding the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau
16 Office having relocated to Olympia Fields. Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated yes,
17 that is correct. Trustee Oliver inquired whether or not anyone can tell us anything more about
18 that. Did they have an Open House? Did they do anything at all? Village President Pro-Tem
19 Pennington stated that he has not received any notices other than the announcement that they had
20 moved back into the Village. He doesn't think they had an Open House. That might change, of
21 course. He has not seen anything. Village President Pro-Tem Pennington inquired of the other
22 Trustees whether or not they have heard anything relative to that, or the Village Administrator.
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24 Village Administrator Saenz stated that she did know that they were looking to relocate in the
25 Village. She stated that as of this date, she doesn't think that they have had an Open House. She
26 can check with Gladys tomorrow. Village Administrator Saenz inquired of Mr. McDonnell
27 whether or not he had any information that he could share regarding their relocation.
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29 Mr. McDonnell stated no, there is not. They just recently moved in completely. He is sure that
30 they have not had time to schedule any kind of Open House.
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32 Trustee Oliver inquired which office did they move into. Who did they replace? Mr. McDonnell
33 stated that they went into a vacant space. They did not replace anybody. He is sure there will be
34 some information about that from the Economic Development Commission. They just finished
35 their renovations, their remodeling, and painting and things. They are still under a temporary
36 occupancy. They have not announced any kind of a Grand Opening or anything like that. Trustee
37 Oliver stated thank you.
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39 **Village's Facebook Page** - Trustee Watkins stated that she wanted to commend the President
40 and the Board of Trustees on creating our Facebook page on August 25th. She was really excited
41 to see that. She is so glad that the Village is moving towards a more technological direction. The
42 logo, "Of course, Olympia Fields," she thought that was extremely catchy. She thinks it
43 represents our community well. Kudos to us for that. Village President Pro-Tem Pennington
44 stated that's great.
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1 **Inquiry on Updates to the Golf Tournament** - Village President Pro-Tem Pennington inquired
2 whether or not there have been any updates with regard to the results of the golf outing and the
3 impact that it had on the Village of Olympia Fields. Can anyone address that?
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5 Village Administrator Saenz stated that she was involved with a conference call last week with
6 a5. They are putting together a report that will give us that information just to let us know how
7 successful the Facebook page was as far as traffic, and then also to give us input on the
8 tournament itself and what type of recognition Olympia Fields would have received from all of
9 the news outlet stations and all of the other press and everything. We should have something
10 probably by the next Board Meeting that the Economic Development Committee will be ready to
11 present. Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated very good.
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13 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**
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15 **Resignation – Johnnie Morris from Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District**
16 **(CSSMTD)** – Village President Pro-Tem Pennington stated that he has the resignation of
17 Johnnie Morris from the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District (CSSMTD). He believes
18 Mr. Morris is moving out of the Village.

19 **Motion by Trustee Matz, Second by Trustee Oliver to Accept the Resignation of Johnnie**
20 **Morris from Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District (CSSMTD); and to Authorize**
21 **a Letter to be Sent on Behalf of the Village of Olympia Fields Board of Trustees to Mr.**
22 **Morris.**

23 **Roll Call: Ayes (4-0) Motion Carried.**
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25 **ADJOURNMENT:**
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27 **Motion by Trustee Watkins, Second by Trustee Finley to Adjourn the Board Meeting at**
28 **7:59 P.M.**

29 **Roll Call: Ayes (3) Nays (1-Trustee Oliver) Motion Carried.**
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31 Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.
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