

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustee For The Village Of University park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, May 10, 2011 At #90 Town Center Drive, In The Village Of University Park.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCowan called this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:17 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Alvin R. McCowan	Present
Trustees:	Sharon A. McGuire	Absent
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present
	Vivian E. Covington	Present
	Keith J. Griffin	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Absent
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Also present were Interim Village Manager/Finance Director David Sevier, Village Attorney Forest Miles, Village Treasurer James Ellis, Fire Chief Chuck Exner, Deputy Police Chief Gregory Box, Public Works Director Jerry Townsend, Cable Studio Supervisor Eddie Pearson, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Economic Development & Code Enforcement Director Kimberly Porter, General Manager Golf Pro Paul Blockoms, Executive Liaison Johnna Townsend and Deputy Village Clerk Kellye Kidd.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McCowan led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

D. READING OF MINUTES

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held Tuesday, April 26, 2011 as presented.

Ayes:	Trustees Oscar Brown, Covington, Griffin and Larry Brown.
Nays:	None.
Absent:	Trustees McGuire and Roudez.

Motion to approve carried.

E. NON-DISCUSSION AGENDA

E-1: Village Manager's Report

Interim Village Manager Sevier reported on the Will County Center for Community Concerns - Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program. Material and labor are free of charge to qualified owner-occupied homeowners with no property liens. Interested homeowners can contact Will County Center for Community Concerns Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm at (815) 722-0722 or visit www.wcccc.net.

Manager Sevier presented Mayor McCowan with a gift of appreciation from the staff for his years of service.

Trustee Oscar Brown asked for a status on the light repairs on Regent Road controlled by ComEd.

Public Works Director Townsend reported that the light still needs to be connected to ComEd's transformer. He will call ComEd for an update.

Trustee Griffin asked for the timetable of the new street signs.

Director Townsend reported that the inventory is complete, approximately 1200 signs will be replaced. A maintenance schedule will be prepared for submission in January 2012 to be in compliance with the Federal mandate without monetary assistance. The signs must be installed by 2018.

E-2: Mayor's Report

Mayor McCowan appreciates the opportunity to serve the community. He hopes the Village will continue to grow and move forward.

Mayor discussed his dismay of the current homeowner's tax bill. He shared with the public that the increase was not due to the Village, but the school district.

Mayor congratulated all newly elected officials: Mayor-Elect Covington, Trustee-Elects Milton Payton and Elizabeth Williams and Re-Elected Trustee Oscar Brown and Clerk Dorothy Jones.

Mayor lastly, asked the public to keep in mind the upcoming projects and improvements to the Village (I-57 Interchange, Cicero Ave. improvements, the third airport, etc). With these projects/improvements, job will be created and available.

E-2a: Proclamation – National Public Works Week

Mayor McCowan announced the proclamation.

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves this proclamation.

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Covington, Griffin and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustees McGuire and Roudez

Motion to approve carried.

E-3: Committee & Commission Reports

Trustee Griffin and Covington reported on the meetings they attended.

Director Townsend gave updates on Village projects and the FEMA departmental reimbursement grant for the snow storm. He also reported on the upcoming South Suburban Public Works Directors Association Open House on Sept. 14th at the Tinley Park Convention Center parking lot, 9 am – 1 pm. He reminded the residents to avoid blowing cut grass into the gutters. The grass will block the storm drains and create back-ups.

Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress announced that Pine Lake officially opened Saturday, May 7. Pine Lake is open everyday 8 am – 7 pm. No boats are allowed in the lake. She announced the arrival of three (3) new farm family members. She encouraged the public to visit the farm Wednesday – Sunday, 11 am – 3 pm. Lastly, the summer camp program will begin June 13th. Please sign up by June 3rd.

Fire Chief Exner reported that the fire truck, awarded by grant, has been delivered and will be in service upon completion of training. The fire hoses and nozzles, also grant awarded, have been received and in service. The tornado siren project is installed, which allows internet connection monitoring.

Trustee Larry Brown announced the Public Hearing to be held Monday, May 16, 2011 at 90 Towncenter Dr., 7 pm for the Block Development Grant. He encouraged all residents who received surveys to complete and forward to Village Hall. At least 400 surveys are needed for the grant application.

Manager Sevier requested residents to bring completed surveys to the Public Hearing.

Mayor McCowan wanted the public to be aware of the re-districting of the congressional seats. The current district for this area will grow approximately 100,000 in population by 2012.

E-4: Reports Of Other Officers

None.

F. DISCUSSION AGENDA

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F-1a: Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Amending Section 1460-04 of Chapter 1460 of the Building and Housing Code to Add a Definition for “Enclosed Structure of Space” and to Add New Sub-Section 302.10 Entitled “Grills and Grilling” and New Sub-Section 302.11 Entitled “Storage” Under the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code for the Village of University Park

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve for second reading only of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Covington, Griffin and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustees McGuire and Roudez.

Trustee Oscar Brown would like to submit streets for exception – Cordoba, Fiesta and any other streets that have limited backyard space. Trustee Covington will be emailing her changes as well for the third reading.

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Covington, Griffin and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustees McGuire and Roudez

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: Resolution Accepting Results of Election

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves readings of this resolution.

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Covington, Griffin and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustees McGuire and Roudez

Motion to approve carried

Resolution Number 2011-13.

F-2b: Swearing-In Ceremony

Retired Judge Michael Stuttley administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor Vivian Covington and Trustees Oscar Brown, Milton Payton and Elizabeth Williams.

F-2c: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) in Connection with the Use of Copyrighting Musical Works at the University Golf Club & Conference Center.

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Williams seconded a motion that the Board approves the first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees Larry Brown, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Payton and Williams.
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Roudez.

Trustees Larry Brown and Payton requested clarification on the purpose, practicality, distribution of royalties and cost for the membership.

Atty. Miles provided the clarification and expressed the urgency to approve the ordinance.

Mayor Covington and Trustee Oscar Brown suggested the two-year membership be purchased.

Motion to approve carried Ordinance Number 2011-08.

F-2d: First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of a Proposal by Information Technologies, Inc. to Provide PDF Copies of Certain Police Reports for the Division of Police

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves the first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Mayor Covington and Trustees Payton, Griffin and Larry Brown had a series of questions which were answered by Deputy Chief Box and Atty. Miles.

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Griffin, Payton and Williams.
Nays: None.
Abstained: Trustee Larry Brown
Absent: Trustee Roudez

Motion to approve carried

Ordinance Number 2011-09.

F-2e: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Will County Board

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves this resolution.

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown, Covington, Griffin and Larry Brown.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees McGuire and Roudez

Motion to approve carried

Resolution Number 2011-14

F-2f: Bills Payable

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion that the Board approves the listing of the General Operating Expenses that the Village of University Park has incurred for the last two (2) weeks from April 27, 2011 to May 10, 2011 in the following funds:

General Operation Fund	\$ 148,234.18
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Capital Project	\$ 8,064.42
Debit Service-Central Bond	\$ 67,258.75
Debit Service-2002 Bonds	\$ 101,728.13
Road & Bridge	\$ 27,095.32
Towncenter Operations	\$ 1,428.61
University Golf Club	\$ 38,982.18
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 232,004.14
TIF II – Industrial Park Fund	\$ 195.00
	\$ 634,990.93

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board votes on the Barnes & Thornburg payment separately.

Ayes: Trustees Larry Brown, Griffin and Payton.

Nays: Trustees Oscar Brown and Williams.

Absent: Trustee Roudez

Motion passes.

Trustee Griffin had questions concerning some checks and payments that were addressed by the Village Manager.

Ayes: Trustees Larry Brown, Oscar Brown, Griffin, Payton and Williams.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Roudez

Motion to approve carried.

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board vote to *not* pay Barnes & Thornburg.

Ayes: Trustees Larry Brown, Griffin, and Payton
Nays: Trustees Oscar Brown and Williams
Absent: Trustee Roudez

Motion passes.

G. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Steve Allen congratulated Mayor Covington. He further questioned the purchase of 75 computers for the resource center and if the resource center was an election ploy. He also wanted to know what happened to the \$500M awarded for curb and sidewalk repairs since no repairs were made. He would prefer funds be contributed to residential street repair instead of widening University Pkwy.

Evangelist Star Lawson spoke on behalf of the Baseball Association President, Mr. Eugene Lawson. She welcomed everyone to watch the baseball parade this Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 10 am. She also invited the Board to walk in the parade. Baseball schedules are available at the University Park Library.

Mr. Robert Travis asked Trustee Oscar Brown for an update on the water survey. He wanted to know why the ASCAP agreement was not brought to the Golf Advisory Committee and questioned the 3-4 year delay.

Ms. Sandra McCalip, former Trustee and resident of University Park, negatively commented on the street conditions.

Ms. Cherese Williams congratulated the newly elected officials and expressed her excitement of working with the current Board.

Ms. Sandra Heard congratulated the newly elected officials and invited the public to attend a workshop discussing the tax bills, May 12, 2011 at 46 Towncenter Dr., 5 pm – 6pm or residents can call 534-6023 or visit www.moneeassessor.com.

Mr. Curtis McMullan congratulated the newly elected officials and is supportive of the Board.

Ms. Cynthia Hudson congratulated the newly elected officials and invited the public to attend the school board meetings. She listed upcoming meeting dates and other activities for the graduating eighth grade class.

Mr. Earl King congratulated the newly elected officials.

H. BOARD CAUCUS

Mayor Covington suspended the meeting from 10:03 pm to 10:14 pm to call for the Board to caucus.

The Mayor reconvened the Board meeting and the following responses were given to concerns raised by residents under general comments:

Mayor Covington acknowledged Mr. Allen's concern regarding \$50M awarded to the Village. She is not aware of the Village receiving such funding.

Trustee Oscar Brown gave an update on the resource center. The architectural plans were drawn and the bid process is complete. He also stated computers have not been purchased, but a proposal to purchase equipment in the future after construction is complete was included with the project plans.

Mayor Covington accepted Ms. Lawson's invitation to participate in the baseball parade.

Atty. Miles spoke with Mr. Travis regarding the ASCAP submittal.

Trustee Oscar Brown will resume the water study now that the campaign has ended. His goal is to complete the water study and have options to improve the Village water.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

J. TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

L. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Covington moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees and enter executive session at 10:42 pm.

Motion to Adjourn Carried By Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy R. Jones, CMC

Village Clerk

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