

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, May 14, 2013 At #90 Town Center Drive, In The Village Of University Park

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Covington called this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:09 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Vivian E. Covington	Present
Trustees:	Elizabeth Williams	Present
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present
	Milton C. Payton	Present
	Keith J. Griffin	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Present
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Also present were Village Manager Lafayette Linear, Village Attorney Stewart Diamond, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Police Commander Deborah Wilson, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios, Interim Finance Director Joe Jones, Executive Liaison Johnna Townsend, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Public Works Director Ross Burgess, Cable Studio Manager Eddie Pearson, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approve minutes of a special meeting held March 26, 2013 as presented.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Approval Of Minutes – continued:

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approve minutes of the regular meeting, held March 26, 2013.

Mayor Covington referred to page 2; paragraph 4, last line and requested a wording change from **“if this was funny”** to **“isn’t this funny”**; and from **“we”** to **“it”** should be on a reality show.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

E. REPORTS OF ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

E-1: Village Manager’s Report

Village Manager Linear reported that on May 1st he and Mayor Covington attended Lobby Day in Springfield where they participated in various discussions with Department Heads from the Governor’s office. Topics included drinking water quality, the Local Government Distributive Fund, timelines of payments to local governments, the Third Airport, and IDOT Projects. During these meetings they made personal contacts with various government officials, and followed up with Mr. O’Shea, the Governors Chief of Staff who, on last Friday who informed them that they had agreed to fund the \$100,000.00 emergency road repair on University Parkway near Steger Road.

Manager Linear reported that they are preparing for the annual visit to the International Convention of Shopping Centers in Las Vegas, Nevada. He noted that last year they were successful in continuing talks with Family Dollar to build a store in University Park which is scheduled to open in late May, and while this has been a challenging project, we have been able to demonstrate that we are serious in our efforts to secure a retail base in University Park. Family Dollar Store has expressed that the Corporation’s desire to hire locally, and that he will be speaking with them later this week to obtain more specific information relating to the hiring process.

He also reported that the Southland Regional Mayors Black Caucus and the Illinois Department of Human Services to institute a summer youth jobs program was also a topic of discussion in Springfield, and that Mr. Michael Holmes, Associate Director of Youth and Adult Services of the Department of Human Services assured him today that the funding is in the State Budget, and once the budget is passed, the funding would be accessible.

Manager's Report – continued:

Manager Linear reported on the continuing work with IDOT for the road reconstruction project from Central to Cicero Avenue, and noted that he, the Mayor, Public Works Foreman Burgess meet regularly with IDOT officials to keep this project moving forward. He also reported on continuing conversations with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services to coordinate with the Village and the State of Illinois Surplus Property to receive capital equipment, such as automobiles and tools, and that there are working to acquire these assets before they are placed in the State Auction pool as either a donation, or for a minimal cost.

Trustee Roudez referred to long standing unpaid parking tickets, and asked if an amnesty program could be offered to residents.

Manager Linear responded that he and the Village Collector are looking at such a program.

Trustee Griffin referred to an article in the Communicate, and asked why the Mayor is interviewing applicants for summer jobs. He also asked if we could be getting funds from the State for Hickok Bridge repair/replacement.

Mayor Covington responded that that was misprint in the Communicate, that she is not interviewing applicants; however, as one of the requirements to receive funding for the grant they have obtained, she must screen the applicants.

Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress responded to Trustee Griffin relating to Hickok Bridge, and stated that she met with Robinson Engineers and the funding for Hickok Bridge is in the 2015 Plan; however, she is working with Manager Linear on removing the current bridge in an effort to prevent injuries.

Trustee Williams asked to know why an inspector in Code Enforcement was attending the International Convention of Shopping Centers in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Manager Linear responded that the Inspector would not be attending the convention.

Trustee Payton asked the status of the 2009 financial audit.

Manager Linear responded that he has the Firm of McGladrey to attend a meeting and present to the Board their findings and reasons. He stated that according to the firm, the documents are with the Oversight Committee.

Trustee Griffin asked for clarity of why there was no gasoline for vehicles for the Police Department.

Manager Linear responded that there was miscommunication between the Village and the supplier.

E-2: Mayor's Report

Mayor Covington introduced Mr. Washington from the Office of Senator Toi Hutchinson. Mr. Washington commented that Senator Hutchinson is working on important legislation that effect mobile communication services, and could use the assistance of residents in pushing this and other legislation forward. He also stated that Mayor Covington is looking at scheduling Coffee with the Mayor and Senator, and the public would be invited to attend.

Mayor Covington reported that the Ground Breaking at Governors State University for the four year university was great, and that she received word that we had been approved for a grant in the amount of \$140,000.00 from DECO.

Swearing In Of Part-time Police Officer:

Accompanied by Mayor Covington, Trustee Larry Brown and Police Commander Wilson, Village Clerk Dorothy Jones administered the Oath of Office to Part-time Police Officer Ben Bryant.

Swearing In Of Board of Fire & Police Commissioners:

Accompanied by Mayor Covington and Trustee Larry Brown, Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones administered the Oath of Office to Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Cordell Clements and Bobbie Greer.

E-3: Committee and Commission Reports

Trustee Roudez extended thanks from the Parks & Recreation Department for the support at the Grand Opening of Craig Park.

Trustee Payton asked HSSEC Chair Donna Gaston to give an update on upcoming Village festivities.

Mrs. Donna Gaston reported that the Village annual Yard Sale would be June 8th, and the Block Parties would be June 9th; however, she was informed that Blackhawk Drive could not be blocked off. She asked residents wishing to participate to please register at Village Hall.

Mrs. Bobbie Greer reported that HSSEC is working on plans for the carnival for this year, and that they are looking at one or two days, as opposed to last year.

Mrs. Gloria Barnett-Brookins displayed a copy of the Annual Report of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioner, asked if the Board had received a copy, and stated that she would like the Board and Manager to review the document with attention to recommended items.

Mayor Covington reported that the Village of University Park would host the Chicago Southland Business After Hours at the University Golf Club & Conference on May 16, 2013, and invited businesses to participate.

E-4: *Reports of Other Officers:*

Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress reported on the garden plot program at the Farm, and thanked Mary Truss for her work in this process. She explained the program, and reported on an upcoming Casino Trip planned for the Seniors, cost is \$18.00 per person.

Mayor Covington suggested that Ms. Childress contact Pastor Williams at First Baptist to see if they would be interested in joining in the garden project.

Executive Liaison Johnna Townsend reported on a letter of thanks from Coretta Scott King Magnet School Principal Erin DeBartolo that thanked Mayor Covington, members of the Police, Fire, Mrs. Neva Jenkins and the Park & Recreation, and Public Works Departments for their support and participation in the Run/Walk event, recently held.

E-5: Attorney's Report

No report given.

F. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Covington asked that the public keep comments to three minutes, with a maximum of thirty minutes total time.

Mrs. Mary Pruitt asked for responses to the following concerns that she has: Why were no Board meetings held in April; why was former Police Chief Davis removed; when will residents receive the new garbage containers; asked if we are up to date with payment of bills, and the status of the Youth Health Center.

Mayor Covington responded that we did not have a quorum for meetings in April, and that the garbage containers cannot be delivered until the Board approves an extension to the contract of the Disposal Company.

Mrs. Bobbie Greer voiced her concern with the treatment she received from the assistant to Manager Linear when she attempted to schedule a meeting with him.

Mr. Arthur Mooring, former Insurance Broker for the Village voiced his concern with communications regarding MetLife Dental Insurance stating that he was told that he was still the Broker by Sue, and how he successfully got the 5% increase reduced, and was later informed in a letter from Manager Linear that he was not the Broker.

General Public – continued:

Ms. Sandra Heard congratulated re-elected Trustees on their election; announced that Monee Township would be hosting a Meet & Greet on Thursday; that the Assessor's Office would be hosting a workshop on May 23, 2013 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. She also commented that she was thankful for the budget workshop, and that she would like for the finance committee to have more meetings and input on the budget.

Mrs. Annie Ward asked if there are plans for the Board to work together to get things done for the Village.

Mrs. Star Lawson commented that the Baseball Parade would be held on May 18th at 9:00 a.m. ending at Craig Park. She stated that Trustee Larry Brown would be hosting a fun-raiser for the baseball association on that same date. She also asked why citizens are stopping and questioning public works employees about their jobs.

G. DISCUSSION AGENDA

G-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G-1a: Second and Third Readings - Ordinance Approving The Execution Of A Residential Refuse Collection Agreement Extension With Homewood Disposal Service, Inc., An Illinois Corporation D/B/A Star Disposal

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion that the Board approves second and third readings of this ordinance.

Trustee Griffin voiced his concern with the increase of \$5.00 per year.

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

Motion To Approve Failed To Carry.

Mayor Covington voiced her concern that by not approving this contract, there would be no garbage pick-up, and we would not get the new containers.

Attorney Diamond commented that the current contract with this company does not expire until 2015, therefore there should be no disruption in garbage pick-up.

G-2: NEW BUSINESS

G-2a: Resolution Accepting Results Of Election

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion that the Board approves this resolution declaring Keith Griffin, Larry Brown and Joseph E. Roudez, III elected as Trustees for a four year term.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2013 - 13.

G-2b: Swearing-In Ceremony

Accompanied by Mayor Covington, Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Trustees Keith Griffin, Larry Brown and Joseph E. Roudez, III. The Trustees were accompanied by members of their families.

G-2c: First and Second Readings – An Ordinance Adopting The Budget For All Corporate Purposes Of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois, In Lieu Of The Appropriation Ordinance For The Fiscal Year Commencing On The First Day Of May, 2013, And Ending On The Thirtieth Day Of April, 2014

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to approve first and second readings on this budget ordinance.

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to table this budget ordinance.

Manager Linear commented that the changes as recommended at the budget workshop would be incorporated into this budget.

Ayes: Trustees Williams, Oscar Brown, Griffin, and Roudez

Nays: Trustees Payton and Larry Brown.

Absent : None.

Motion To Table Carried.

G-2d: First, Second and Third Reading – An Ordinance Changing The Fee Schedule For Motor Vehicle Registration And Licensing

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

G-2d- continued:

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to amend the main motion to add a fee for elected officials of \$10.00 for first vehicle and \$15.00 for each subsequent vehicle.

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

Nays: Trustees Williams, Payton and Roudez.

Absent : None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2013 – 14.

G-2e: *Resolution Approving An Extension Of The Intergovernmental Agreement With The Village Of Park Forest To Allow The Use And Occupancy Of The Driving Range And Club House At The Hidden Meadows Golf Course*

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves this resolution.

A concern was raised relating to whether or not this was financially worth the investment.

Mayor Covington stated that she wants weekly financial reports on the Driving Range.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2013-14.

G-2f: *Resolution Approving The 2013 Official Zoning Map For The Village Of University Park*

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

Trustee Larry Brown stated that he would like a larger copy of the map given to all Board members.

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to table this resolution to the second Board meeting in May.

Roll Call On G-2f:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Table Carried.

G-2g: First, Second and Third Readings – An Ordinance Establishing A Legislative And Operations Committee For The Village Of University Park And Amending Section 210-01, Standing Rules And Section 239-03, Duties Of The Clerk Regarding Agendas

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

Trustee Larry Brown commented that he has no problem with establishing the Committee; however, he has concerns that this is the first committee composed of and ran by Trustees, and discussing all village business in a public forum.

Attorney Diamond commented that this type of committee is common for many municipalities.

Trustee Payton questioned the urgency of three readings, stating that he feels that this issue is important, and would like to see it discussed in a workshop. He referred to page 2; paragraph 2 and asked for clarity; he also stated that he feels that this action is an attempt to take away powers of the Mayor. He also asked to know why there is a Sunset Provision that automatically repeals this ordinance.

Village Clerk Dee Jones responded to Trustee Payton relating to responsibilities of the Clerk in this process, and referred to page 3; Section 210-01, Standing Rules paragraph 1, and stated that this is the process that is currently being used. That the Clerk's Office prepares the agenda from items submitted by the Mayor, Manager and Attorney, and the only change would be that now items would also be submitted by the Legislative Operations Committee. She further stated that she would not attempt to take away any powers of the Mayor.

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to amend this to first reading only tonight and refer to a workshop.

Mayor Covington stated that she has never, not allowed items on the agenda requested by any Trustees.

Trustee Oscar Brown stated that most of the Standing Rules were written in 1980; that this action does not take away powers of the Mayor, but feels that the entire Board should be allowed to put items on the agenda over the Mayor's objection.

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

Motion To Table Failed To Carry.

Roll Call On Main Motion:

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

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2013-15.

G-2h: First, Second and Third Readings – An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement With The Illinois Department Of Transportation Relating To The Improvement Of Interstate Route 57

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

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves to combine reading and approval of G-2h related items G-2i, G-2j, G-2k, G-2l:

Trustee Payton commented that exhibits were not included.

Attorney Diamond responded that the exhibits are the aforementioned ordinances and resolutions.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Roll Call For Approval Of Agenda Items: G-2g, G-2h, G-2i, G-2j, G-2k, G-2l.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

- G-2h: First, Second and Third Readings – An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement With The Illinois Department Of Transportation Relating To The Improvement Of Interstate Route 57 Ordinance Number O2013-16.
- G-2i: A Funding Resolution For \$13,800 Regarding An IDOT Project On Interstate 57 Resolution Number R2013-16.
- G-2j: An Ordinance Restricting Parking Along Route 57 From Ridgeland Avenue To Central Avenue Ordinance Number O2013-17.
- G-2k: An Ordinance Prohibiting The Discharge Of Sanitary And Industrial Waste Into Any Storm Sewer Or Drainage Facility Constructed As A Part Of The Route 57 Improvement Ordinance Number O2013-18.
- G-2l: An Ordinance Prohibiting Encroachments Along The State Of Illinois Right-Of-Way Along Route 57 From Ridgeland Avenue To Central Avenue Ordinance Number O2013-19.
- G-2m: Bills Payables

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown 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 three (3) weeks from April 24, 2013 to May 14, 2013. The following funds will be charged for these expenses:

General Operation Fund	\$ 340,386.98
Road & Bridge	\$ 34,432.52
Town Center Fund	\$ 4,601.56
University Golf Club	\$ 39,531.89
Capital Project	\$ 492.40
Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 5,623.87
TIF II Fund	\$ 5,309.13
TIF V Fund	\$ 6,337.50
Total	\$ 436,715.85

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGER COMMENTS

J. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

K EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the Board move into executive session for purpose of pending litigation and personnel at 9:30 p.m.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Due to lack of functioning recording equipment the executive session was cancelled.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the Board adjourns the meeting of the Board of Trustee at 10:10 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried By Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted

*Dorothy R. Jones, CMC
Village Clerk*

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