

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, May 13, 2014 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 7:01 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	Absent (arrived @ 7:12)
	Larry B. Brown	Absent (arrived @ 7:03)

Also present were Village Manager Lafayette Linear, Village Attorney Steward Diamond, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Police Chief Edward Bradley, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Finance Director Joe Jones, Deputy Chief Brain Chellios, Public Works Interim Director Jerry Hunt, 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. READING OF MINUTES

Mayor Covington stated that comments she made at the April 8, 2014 meeting were not included in those minutes, and asked that they be inserted.

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Griffin seconded motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2014, and special meeting of May 5, 2014 as presented.

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

Abstained: Trustee Payton.

Motion To Approve Carried.

E. REPORTS OF ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Trustee Roudez reported that he had reached out to Val Williams of Robinson Engineers for assistance in finding funding to upgrade the Pine Lake facility.

Trustee Griffin reported that the Will County Board had voted to advance The Village of University Park \$400,000 to repair the road on University Parkway from Governors Highway to Crawford Avenue.

E-1: Village Manager's Report

Manager Linear reported that along with several Elected Officials he would be attending The International Convention Of Shopping Centers (ICSC) next week where they plan to meet with numerous retailers to discuss building stores in the village. He Stated that this year they will concentrate on our newly developed downtown TIF area and selected properties on Cicero Avenue, and added that this year they have joined a consortium of 5 villages to defray the cost of the convention and enhance our number of prospects. Manager Linear also reported that the Village's financial statement auditors Lauterbach and Amen have completed the 2012 audit report which is on the agenda for tonight's meeting and that the finance staff are completing paperwork for the auditors to begin the 2011 field work and the auditors should begin fieldwork for 2011 audit later this month.

Manager Linear also reported that the University Parkway Reconstruction Project continues to move forward and that he has received a notice from IDOT stating that they have received certification that we have acquired all the necessary right of way for phase 1, and that phase 2 of the University Parkway project has been moved up to be bid and the 2015 fiscal year, and that the surface and regrind of the road from just east of the railroad tracks to Crawford should be completed this week barring rain delays.

Trustee Oscar Brown commented on the numerous lights that are out in the village and referred specifically to Farmview Court and Farmview Lane.

Trustee Larry Brown asked for a status on the cityscape property.

Mayor Covington had a list of questions for the manager which included: lights out on Gordon and Blackhawk, and stated that she wants a survey of all the streets to indicate where lights are off.

Public Works Interim Manager Jerry Hunt responded that he is in the process of surveying the streets at night so he can better ascertain where the lights are off, and he has already repaired 20 lights.

Mayor Covington asked for a follow-up on the theft at public works; asked if the village could make Robo calls to residents informing them of thefts, robberies, etc. She commented on the condition of the parks with trash cans overflowing; she stated that the village has already lost Solo Cup due to the Head Tax Initiative and that we are also losing another company for the same reason. She stated that she wants a follow-up on this budget decision, and why the decision was made to reduce personnel in some Department, stating that is not a logical decision or betterment of our residents, and that we invested money into the training of a person to maintain our website in Dreamweaver Software and other fractures for portal capabilities and now that person has been removed. She asked to know why the HR position was not funded in this budget, and yet we are spending (per our financial statement) at least \$1 million in insurance fees, that she thinks could be reduced if HR was on board.

Police Chief Bradley responded to Mayor Covington relating to Robo calls of police activity within the village, stating that they are working with community groups, residents, and Homeowners Association in dealing with the criminal activity. However, he feels that to broadcast the tactics being used would be counterproductive in the solving of crimes.

E-2: Mayor's Report

Mayor Covington reported that she observed a new group of children that Mrs. Morgan has recruited to work around the village to pick up trash, etc. and stated that she feel that it is a great idea, however she has concerns with for insurance purposes and asked if that group of children will be under the direction of the Parks and Recreation's Department as a summer program, and if Mrs. Morgan has permission from the parents to waive the village from any liability their action she also commented that she is aware that Mrs. Morgan is collecting money to fund this program, and asked if there is a line item showing the total of these collections come if not, is there a solicitation license been issued or letter being given to permit the collection of funds. She stated that again she thinks it would be a great program for our children to do to give back to this community and she thanks Mrs. Morgan for her efforts.

Mayor Covington reported that the Will County Workforce will be bringing their trailer back to the community starting May 6, 2014 the resources will be available every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. the trailer will be located in the Village hall parking lot. She also reported that we have received over \$30,000 from our pace shelter program just by having new shelters built in advertising on them, and stated that this money should be earmarked for a pilot program for the upcoming buses they are working on.

Mayor Covington reported on her trip to Springfield for Lobby Day where she had an opportunity to speak with Governor Quinn relating to a list of our capital projects, and reported that we have received a \$1 million grant from Governor Quinn, and that the Governor and State Representative Al Riley wants a list of our capital projects.

In closing Mayor Covington wished for everyone a joyful and blessed Mother's Day, and thanked the Brown Family for allowing the village to honor one of our prestigious artists, and noted that she will start a historic wall in University Park for those who have made a difference in the lives of our residents in our town and asked that residents submit names to her attention some of this legacy can be forever known in our town to be proud of.

Trustee Oscar Brown asked Attorney Diamond if it is good policy for the village to get involved with an unaffiliated group and assume liability for their actions.

Attorney Diamond responded that he feels the village bears no responsibility or liability for an outside unaffiliated group doing community service.

E-3: Committee & Commission Reports

None

E-4: Reports of Other Officers

Parks And Recreation's Director Keely Childress reported on the success and progress of parks program and noted that the department would be sponsoring a father and daughter dance on June 13, 2014 here in number 90 Town Center and she invited the participation of residents..

E-5: Department Updates

None

F. GENERAL PUBLIC

Attorney Diamond reminded the public of the 30 minutes maximum allowed for public comments, and asked that they be mindful of the time limit. However, anyone who has signed in and not allowed to speak tonight would be 1st on the list for comments at the next meeting.

Mr. Robert Travis voiced his disappointment with the dissolution of certain committees and commissions; he voiced his concern with the relationship between Governors State University and the board and asked if the public is invited to attend the meetings with the University Park committee and GSU.

Mr. Robert Travis stated that The Concerned Citizens Committee would be taking those annual festivities and activities that are no longer covered by the board which includes the job fair, health fair, coat drive and the Thanksgiving dinner. He also stated that he feels board members should report back to the community on training that they attend.

Trustee Williams reported on her trip to Springfield, and her conversation with Governor Quinn on Lobby Day relating to her desire for an overpass at Governors Highway, stating that she would continue her efforts until there is a resolve to these concerns.

Mayor Covington responded to Mr. Travis relating to GSU stating that there is a consortium at GSU monthly that is open to the public, and she would let Mr. Travis and the public know when those meetings are held. She also stated that she refunds money that she does not use when she goes for training.

Ms. Morgan thanked everyone who supports our young people in their efforts to give back to the community; she commented on the new streetlights and asked if the lights had been paid for, and if the industrial Park people have submitted the funds, that were reported that they had committed to for the lights. She also commented on, and voiced her concern with an article regarding a supposedly hundred and fifty thousand dollars in missing funds, and stated that we need more transparency in government.

Mrs. Sandra Heard reported that the Monee Township Assessor's Office would be hosting a workshop on tax bills and rates on May 22nd from 5:30 to 6:30 at her office in the Town Center. She also asked if the 2010 audit is a final report or a draft, and questioned the budget cut in personnel and asked if the finance committee would be meeting this month.

Ms. Laverne Williams commented that she is requesting that all meetings for training be put on our website and that residents are included to attend these trainings; she requested that the final changes to the plan commission ordinance be sent to her, and commented that she feels action relating to enclosure for dumpsters be sent to the Plan Commission, and also asked that the Plan Commission be included in all capital project programming.

Mrs. Star Lawson reported that baseball is now in full swing and thanked Mayor Covington for sponsoring 11 young ladies on a trip to Springfield for Lobby Day. She also stated that she wants report of training for all officials given to the residents. She also stated that when asking for mileage she does not feel it is appropriate for anyone to request mileage, plus have their gas tank filled at the resident's expense.

G-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G--1a: Resolution Approving A Parking Ticket Amnesty Program For Unpaid Tickets

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve this resolution.

Trustee Oscar Brown asked to know the amount that would be assessed.

Village Manager Linear responded that the collection agency is working with him and Chief Bradley to determine what would be the best course of action to take and noted that the collection agency has made a recommendation on the process.

Motion To Amend Main Motion:

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to table this item until all details are worked out.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Table Carried.

G-2: NEW BUSINESS

G-2a: First, Second and Third Readings – An Ordinance Providing Requirements For Dumpsters To Be Screened With Fencing In Certain Multi-Family Developments

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve 1st 2nd and 3rd readings of this ordinance.

Trustee Payton asked to know what precipitated bringing this action before the board; he asked the number of buildings that must comply, and asked if the village can and will enforce the ordinance.

Village Manager Linear responded that this matter was discussed by the Legislative and Operations Committee and he obtained specifics from Star-Homewood Disposal.

Trustee Roudez commented that certain properties that would be affected by this ordinance are on our main thoroughfare with trash is constantly overflowing and there is a need to clean up and regulate this matter.

Trustee Payton voiced his concern with, and expounded on the specifics of each of the sections and articles of the ordinance and stated that he needed more clarity on specifics, and how this would affect residents living in these apartment complexes since they are the ones who ultimately would be paying for these changes before moving forward.

G – 2a - continued:

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to amend this to 1st reading only tonight for clarity.

Trustee Larry Brown commented that he feels the fines for violation of this ordinance should be done in increments.

Mayor Covington stated that she wants a letter sent to the property owners notifying them of this proposed legislation, and that she supports 1st reading only tonight.

Trustee Oscar Brown asked for clarity on the issue PAD as listed in the document.

Village Manager Linear responded that this information he obtained from Star Homewood disposal.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Main Motion As Amended:

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to approve 1st reading of this ordinance as amended.

Village Manager Linear stated that he would invite representatives from Star Homewood disposal to a meeting prior to bringing this for final action.

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

Motion To Approve 1st Reading Carried.

G-2b: *First, Second and Third Readings – An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Estoppels Certificate Relating To Property Located At 300 North Central Avenue*

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve 1st 2nd and 3rd readings of this ordinance.

G-2b - continued:

Trustee Payton questioned whether or not this is a transfer of property, and not a transfer of the TIF agreement, and commented that in the agreement they promised only 5 jobs for University Park; however, the company receives over \$40 million in tax incentives.

Attorney Diamond responded that that this does not alter any terms off the TIF agreement and that the village has a letter that there are no violations on this property in both parties have complied with the terms.

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

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O 2014 – 21.

G-2c: First, Second and Third Readings – An Ordinance Approving An Expenditure Of \$46,950.00 For Emergency Repairs To Dralle Road

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to approve 1st 2nd and 3rd readings of this ordinance.

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

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O 2014 – 22.

G-2d: First Reading – An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of Auditing Services From Am Audit

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to approve 1st reading of this ordinance.

Trustee Oscar Brown stated that he wants the attorney to review this proposal before final action is taken.

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

Motion To Approve Carried

**G-2e: Resolution Of Condolence In Memory Of Khalid Muhammad Morocco
(Gregory Dunn)**

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to approve this resolution.

Resolution was read by Trustee Payton.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2014-10.

G-2f: Resolution Acknowledging Receipt Of The 2010 Audit

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to approve this resolution.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2014-11.

**G-2g: Appointment of Mr. Theaplise Brooks to The Board Of Fire & Police
Commissioners As A Member and As The Chairman.**

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to approve this appointment.

Trustee Payton stated that he opposes this appointment because Mr. Brooks caused this village a lot of money when he was a member of the Board Of Fire And Police Commissioners previously.

Motion To Table:

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to table this appointment.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Table Carried.

G-2c. Bills Payable

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown second a motion that the Board approves the listing of the General Operating Expenses that the Village of University Park as incurred for the last two (2) weeks from April 23, 2014 to May 13, 2014. The following funds will be charged for these expenses:

General Operation Fund	\$ 487,576.03
Special-Purpose Funds	\$ 30,081.00
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 5,722.65
Town Center Fund	\$ 6,581.13
Golf Course Fund	\$ 53,814.04
Capital Project	\$ <u>215,605.86</u>
Total	\$ 864,064.37

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

H. BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGER COMMENTS

None

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

None

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to move into executive session for discussion of collective bargaining and pending litigation at 9:45 PM.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

The board returned from executive session at 11:26 PM and resumed the regular meeting and stated that there was nothing to report out.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Covington moved, Trustee Williams seconded a motion that the Board adjourns the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 11:27 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried By Unanimous Voice Vote. (Trustee Roudez was absent)

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dorothy R. Jones, CMC, RMC
Village Clerk*