

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Wednesday, November 12, 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 7:09 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Vivian E. Covington	Present
Trustees:	Elizabeth Williams	Present
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Absent (arrived at 7:53pm)
	Milton C. Payton	Present
	Keith J. Griffin	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Present
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Also present were Village Manager Lafayette Linear, Attorney Stewart Diamond, Police Chief Edward Bradley, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Golf Course General Manager Paul Blockoms, Deputy Fire Chief Brain Chellios, Finance Director Joe Jones, and Deputy Clerk Jacelia Kelly.

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

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded motion to table the minutes of the regular meeting of October 28, 2014.

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

Motion to table approved.

E. REPORTS OF ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Trustee Griffin gave a brief summary on senate bill 16.

Trustee Roudez briefly spoke regarding agenda item G-2a.

Trustee Payton briefly spoke regarding citizens concerns in Thornwood house.

Trustee Larry Brown also spoke on the concerns in Thornwood house.

E-1: Village Manager's Report

The Village Manager did not give a report; however he took questions from the Board.

Trustee Payton asked the Village Manager for an update on where the Village stands with the State Comptroller's Office regarding the TIF reports.

Manager Linear stated that he and the Finance Director and the current auditors have been in constant communication with the State Comptroller Office. The State Comptroller's Office has noted that since the Village is behind in their financial statements the Village will be allowed time to file the reports needed to become current.

Manager Linear noted that the auditors are moving along well he has receive the draft of the 2010 audit and the auditors will be moving forward with the 2011 audit.

Mayor Covington asked the Village Manager to provide a copy of the letter that was provided to the State Comptroller's office regarding the TIF reports.

Manager Linear replied that he would provide the Board with a copy of the letter.

Trustee Payton noted a concern regarding a violation of the OMA; he voiced his concern regarding the missing footage of an item on the agenda of the BOT meeting held on October 28, 2014. Trustee Payton noted that there was footage missing when aired on the local cable channel, he asked if there was some technical issues in the equipment or was the footage edited.

Mrs. Christel Allen employee of the cable studio noted that the footage for that meeting was not edited.

E-2: Mayor's Report

Mayor Covington reported that she attended the 227 Safety Walk in Richton Park along with the Police Chief of Richton Park. Mayor Covington noted that she will not be attending the National League of Cities because she will attend the workshop through webinar. Mayor Covington stated that the \$225,000.00 grant for Pine Lake as reported by Trustee Roudez has been put on hold, but through her efforts, the Village will be getting a \$4 million grant in January, 2015. She encourages the public to call our State Representative regarding Senate Bill 16, and reported that the Village of University Park and Governor's State University signed an agreement that GSU will use the University Golf Course for their league golf home course; she thanked Mr. Paul Blockoms for all his efforts on this project.

E-3: Committee & Commission Reports

None

E-4: Reports of Other Officers

Chief Bradley announced that Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's Office gave awards to Sergeant Murphy and Officer Jones.

Community Relations Manager James Bell reported that the Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway would be on Saturday, November 22, 2014 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm sponsored by Faith Movers Church in collaboration with the Village of University Park, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Concerned Golfers of University Park.

E-5: Attorney's Report

Village Attorney had no report.

E-6: Department Updates

None

F. GENERAL PUBLIC

Village Attorney Diamond reminded the public of the 30 minutes maximum allowed for public comments, with three minutes for each individual, 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.

Ms. Gina Williams greeted the Board and voiced her concern regarding the missing footage of last Board meeting when aired on the local cable channel.

Mrs. Mildred Morgan voiced her concern regarding each member of the Board.

Ms. Debra Stroud greeted the Board and gave her compliments on the Veterans Day program.

Laverne Williams greeted the Board and asked the Board if the public will get a copy of report given to them on the golf course.

G-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

G-2: NEW BUSINESS

G-2a: *First, Second and Third Readings – An Ordinance regarding a Lease between the Village of University Park and Austin Peoples Action Center for town Center Unit No.6.*

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion to Approve Carried.

Ordinance Number O 2014-53

G-2b: *First, Second and Third Readings – Ordinance Accepting The Lowest Bid For Remodeling Of 80 Town center For The Technology Resource Center.*

Trustee Larry Brown asked if there was a reason why National Catastrophe Solutions did not submit a bid security at the time of the bid was open.

Manager Linear stated that this particular company paid close attention to the specifications and not the bid security, however, this company is fully aware that they must secure a Bid Bond Security before moving forward with this project.

Trustee Larry Brown asked Manager Linear if this project is approved, will National Catastrophe Solutions come up with the security bond before the project began.

Manager Linear stated that the company is aware of stipulation of the security, he noted That the Board does not have to accept this bid, the Board can simply reject the bid and Restart the rebidding process.

Trustee Larry Brown asked Attorney Diamond to give little clarity on the motion.

Attorney Diamond gave clarity on the motion.

Trustee Larry Brown read the third paragraph regarding the bidding documents.

Attorney Diamond explained the purpose of a security bond when accepting contractors Bids.

Mayor Covington noted to the public that there were 7 bids for the project and she explained the one bid that Trustee Larry Brown referred to, and asked to see the Letter of Recommendation from JMA Architects.

Trustee Payton voiced his concern regarding National Catastrophe Solutions, and noted that their bid was 41% lower than the next lowest bid submitted, and that National Catastrophe Solutions bid was 47.7% lower than all the bids submitted. He also asked if JMA Architect resided over the bidding process.

Manager Linear stated that JMA Architect did reside over the bidding process for this Project.

Mayor Covington asked if they made a recommendation on the bids.

Manager Linear stated that was not the role of JMA Architect, he explained the role of JMA Architect in the project.

Trustee Payton asked if there were any contractor's that live in University Park included in the bidding process, and if University Park contractor's notified.

Manager Linear stated no. However, the notification of the open bid was published in the newspaper.

Trustee Griffin stated that the contractor with the lowest bid lives in University Park.

Call to question

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown second a motion to call a question.

The Motion To Call A Question was not recognized by Mayor Covington.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded the motion to Appeal The Decision of The Chair.

Attorney Diamond explained the motion that was on the table.

Trustee Payton interjected by reading a paragraph from the Robert Rules of order.

Attorney Diamond again explained the motion on the table. There was an extensive adversary exchange of dialog between Attorney Diamond and Trustee Payton.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Call The Question:

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to call the question.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Main Motion

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves^{1st}, ^{2nd} and ^{3rd} reading of this ordinance.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Ordinance Number O 2014-54

G-2c: First, Second and Third Readings, Ordinance Amending Chapter 285 Of The Codified Ordinances Entitled "University Park Senior Citizen's Committee".

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

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Ordinance Number O 2014-55

G-2d: Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report.

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves to accept The Treasurer's Report.

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

Motion to Approve Carried.

G-2e: Bills Payable

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Roudez 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 October 29, 2014 to November 11, 2014. The following funds will be charged for these expenses:

General Operation Fund	\$ 154,988.84
MB Financial Special Fund	\$ 43,419.94
Road & Bridge	\$ 2,312.55
Town center	\$ 16,630.86
Golf Course	\$ 48,672.02
Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 12,493.79
TIF II	\$ 15,518.80
Total	\$ 213,377.60

Ayes: Trustee 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

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to move into executive session for discussion of ligation at 10:03 p.m.

The Board returned from executive session at 10:34 with nothing to report out.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion that the Board adjourns the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 10:35 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried By Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

By: Jacelia Kelly, Deputy Clerk