

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, April 12, 2016 At #90 Town Center Drive In The Village Of University Park

A. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Oscar Brown called this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:12 p.m.

Village Clerk Dee Jones announced that Mayor Covington called and stated that she would be running at least thirty minutes late for the meeting. Clerk Jones noted that a quorum of the Board was present. Therefore, in order to proceed, the Board would need to appoint a Temporary Chair/Mayor Pro-tem for the meeting until the Mayor arrives.

Motion To Appoint Temporary Chair/Mayor Pro-Tem:

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to appoint Trustee Oscar Brown as Mayor Pro-tem for this meeting.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Acting Village Manager Johnna Townsend, Attorney Lorian Glennon, Police Chief John Pate, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Public Works Director Gary Richardson, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-tem Oscar Brown led the audience in the Pledge Of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve minutes of the regular meetings held March 8, 2016, and a special meeting held April 5, 2016.

Trustee Payton referred to minutes of March 8, 2016, page 7, last paragraph, under item F-2a: and asked that the words "with no follow through" be stricken from his comments.

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

Motion To Approve, As Amended Carried.

E: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Gina Williams asked to know why the meetings on local cable is no longer available on our local TV station; she asked Acting Village Manager Townsend if she had a plan of action to move the Village forward; and the cost of renting number 90 Town Center Drive for events. She stated that she was informed that 90 Town Center was rented at no cost to a group for a rally, and if that is true CCC should have their money refunded, because they had an event where the Mayor was involved.

Acting Village Manager Townsend responded that due to our financial situation there is no full-time person at the cable studio, and there are technical problems with the cable. However, IT Director Bolton is working with Comcast to resolve that problem. She further stated that the budget has been prepared, and once approved, a forecast to move forward would be presented. Relating to the cost of rental at number 90 Town Center and the event referred to by Ms. Williams, she stated that in the past elected officials do not pay to use the facility. However, there would be a uniform policy moving forward. She further stated that Trustee Griffin had reserved the facility for the event in question.

Parks and Recreation Director Keely Childress responded that Concerned Citizens Committee President Joe Lovelace rented the town center, not Mayor Covington; which is why a fee was charged.

Ms. Bernice O'Brien commented on her lack of response by police officers when she went to the police department to report an incident.

General Public Comments – continued:

Police Chief Pate responded that he would call in an Officer, and have the matter reviewed and addressed before the end of this meeting.

Ms. Kari Boykin addressed the Board and stated that potholes are still not repaired in her area on Greenbriar, and throughout the Village, and asked that something is done to address this problem.

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F-1a: Third Readings - An Ordinance Repealing And Superseding Title Six, Chapter 1471 Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will County, Illinois Village Code (Squatter)

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees Wilson, Payton, Griffin, Roudez, and Oscar Brown.

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Larry Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2016-09.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: First, Second and Third Readings - Ordinance Amending Section 1466-06 "Fees" Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will County, Illinois Village Code. (Inspection/Point of Sale)

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Trustee Payton commented that he would like to amend this ordinance to first reading tonight to address whether we are covering our costs, especially as it relates to electrical cost.

Public Works Consultant Jerry Townsend responded that he agrees that our fees in some areas may be too low, and he is looking at cost in other municipalities with similar size and home rule.

Motion To Amend Main Motion:

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to amend this ordinance to first reading only tonight.

F-2a – continued:

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Roll Call On First Reading:

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2b: First, Second and Third Readings - An Ordinance Amending Section 1440-01, "Permit Fees," Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will County, Illinois Village Code

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

Trustee Payton voiced the same concerns with this ordinance as the previous one, relating to whether fees are being increased enough to cover our costs.

Motion To Amend Main Motion:

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to amend this ordinance to first reading only tonight.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Roll Call On First Reading:

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2c: Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of The Lease Extension Agreement Between The Village Of University Park And Monee Township.

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

Trustee Payton asked if Monee Township would be held to the terms of the new commercial leases.

Acting Village Manager Townsend responded that they would not, because they had an existing lease, and they are grandfathered.

Trustee Griffin asked to know how do we determine who is grandfathered.

Acting Village Manager Townsend responded that if the business has no current lease they will have to sign a new lease agreement, or vacate the premises in 30 days. That they are in the process of reviewing all prior agreements, but find that many do not have existing leases.

Ayes: Trustees Wilson, Payton, Griffin, Roudez, and Oscar Brown.

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Larry Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2016- 11.

F-2d: Motion To Appoint Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. As Adjudication Hearing Officer For The Village Of University Park For A Term To Expire April 30, 2017.

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

Ayes: Trustees Wilson, Payton, Griffin, Roudez, and Oscar Brown.

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Larry Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2e: Resolution To Amend The Employment Agreement Between The Law Firm Of Gary S. Mueller & Associates, LTD. And The Village Of University Park.

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

Trustee Wilson voiced her concerns with the lack of experience of Attorney Mueller in TIF related matters, and asked if he had done this type of work with other municipalities, and stated that she would prefer a TIF specialist.

Acting Village Manager Townsend responded that Attorney Mueller is doing the reconciliation of all TIF District accounts, and will keep the Board updated as he proceeds.

Trustee Payton responded that the entire Board has been impressed with the work that Attorney Mueller is doing with the TIF's, and he does not feel that we need a TIF Specialist at this point. He also stated that Attorney Mueller has been working with, and representing the Village with the State Comptroller Office, and has experienced people working with him. He further stated that Atty. Mueller was not the cause of our financial problems; that our problems are due to accounting practices.

Trustee Wilson stated that she feels his bills are a bit excessive, and she wants someone with a TIF background due to our financial situation.

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

Nays: Trustee Wilson.

Absent: Trustee Larry Brown, and Mayor Covington.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2016- 12.

F-2f: Bills Payable

Acting Manager Townsend stated that currently we are not working from a bills payable list, but working from the aged/aging report. No action taken on this item.

G REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK, MANAGER, APPOINTED OFFICIALS, and COMMITTEES

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Covington absent, no comments made.

REPORT OF ACTING VILLAGE MANAGER

Acting Village Manager Townsend reported that vehicle stickers for the 2016 – 17 year would go on sale May 2nd, and would be on sale at the Village Board Meeting in May and June, 2016.

REPORTS OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress reported that Village resident LaQuan Treadwell is heading for the NFL (National Football League); the NFL Draft is April 28 in Chicago; volunteers from Governors State University will be at Riegel Farm on April 13th

to help clean up the Riegel Farm area. She invited everyone willing to help to come out.

Police Chief Pate reported on the Police and Fire Academy for 2016 – 17 that will begin in July. He expounded on the curriculum and stated that participants would be learning about procedures in both police and fire departments; the fire Department's training will include a flight for life simulation. The police training will also include an active shooter simulation, and would be held at Crete Monee Middle School.

Police Chief Pate also reported that Truck Weight Enforcement Officers wrote over \$30,000.00 in tickets for violation of the Village's weight enforcement ordinance; he reminded the public that 18 Wheelers are not allowed on University Parkway between Western and Governors Highway; the amnesty program for parking violations is in effect for three months, and they will be conducting a click it or ticket roadside tests, and they will also be checking for violations of alcohol.

Trustee Roudez asked if it was true that EASTCOM would be moving from the location in Crete, and if St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights is in the process of closing down.

Police Chief Pate responded that yes it is true EASTCOM will be merging with Lincolnway and the Will County Sheriff at a facility in New Lenox, and that St. James Hospital Olympia Fields is working to make that facility an Area One Trauma Center.

Public Works Director Richardson reported that he and the public works crews is working cutting the grass at the golf course.

Village Treasurer Dilworth reported that he will be lending his accounting skills to the Village every Wednesday in order to make sure ledger entries are made.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Roudez reported the Parks and Recreation Department has been approved for a school grant in the amount of 35,000.

Trustee Griffin reported that Phase III road construction on University Parkway from Governors Highway to Crawford Avenue is moving on schedule.

Trustee Wilson reported that Women of Joliet would be hosting a Youth empowerment Summit at Crete Monee High school this Saturday for student grades 8 to 12; she stated that she wants copies of the aging bills summary report, and an update on the RFP's for the golf course.

Acting Village Manager Townsend responded that the Board's desire is for sealed RFP For a management company for the golf course, and she hopes everything will be in place and the golf course and open June 1st.

H. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:00 PM.

Motion to Adjourn Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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