

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, April 26, 2016 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 7:13 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Vivian E. Covington	Present
Trustees:	Larry B. Brown	Present
	Paula C. Wilson	Absent (arrived @ 7:26)
	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 Felicia Frazier, Police Chief John Pate, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Parks & Recreation Program Supervisor Neva Jenkins, Public Works Director Gary Richardson, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios, IT Director Deryl Bolton, 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 Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to approve minutes of the regular meetings held February 23, 2016.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Approval of Minutes – continued:

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve minutes of the regular meetings held March 22, 2016.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve minutes of the regular meetings held April 12, 2016.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

E: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Kari Boykin addressed the Mayor and Board and thanked Public Works for putting up the barriers around the potholes in her area on Greenbriar. She also made a plea to the Board that when they consider management for the Golf Club that they attempt to get someone who knows about golf clubs and have experience in golf club management.

Ms. Gina Williams commented that more cuts of exempt employees needs to be made; that the Village needs to stop failing our kids; that Parks & Recreation is a joke that never offered quality programs for our kids such as performing arts, etc., and that Riegel Farm should have been closed years ago. She stated that when she was raising her children, she had to take them out of the Village to participate in adequate programs.

Ms. LaVerne Williams asked to know what the requirements in the RFP's for Golf Club management would be, and what are the measuring tools being used to determine who gets the job.

Acting Manager Townsend responded that once the Board reviews the RFP, it will be available to the public, and the RFP does request experienced applicants, and other factors relative to golf club management.

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F-1a: Second and Third Readings - An 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 Larry Brown seconded a motion to approve second and third readings of this ordinance.

Trustee Payton commented that he still feels that the \$250.00 fee is too much and could hamper the sale of properties, and he would like to see a reduction in that fee.

Motion To Amend Main Motion:

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to amend this ordinance to reduce the fee for point of sale inspection to \$150.00.

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

Nays: Trustee Oscar Brown.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Roll Call On Main Motion, As Amended:

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

Nays: Trustee Oscar Brown.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried.

Ordinance Number O2016 - 10.

F-1b: 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 Larry Brown seconded a motion to approve second and third readings of this ordinance.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2016 - 11.

F-1c: **Second and Third Readings Reading – 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, 2016, And Ending On The Thirtieth Day Of April, 2017.**

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to table this item.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Motion To Table Approved.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: **Resolution Of Appreciation – Mr. Paul Oleghe (PTL Landscaping)**

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

Trustee Larry Brown read the resolution, and commented that Mr. Oleghe has been supportive of the Village for several years, and he commends him for this act of kindness.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2016 – 13.

F-2b: **Resolution to Approve A Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of University Park and AFSCME Counsel 31, Local 3837 effective May 1, 2014 - April 30, 2020**

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

Trustee Larry Brown voiced his concern that Oral Reprimands are part of the disciplinary actions that are retained in an employees' file. He stated that he does not feel it should be included.

Attorney Frazier responded that the Union has been working without a contract for more than two years; that they have voiced their distrust for the Village. While she does not agree with everything in the contract, she feels it would be counter-productive to make changes that were not mentioned earlier, and to do so now could be interpreted as not bargaining in good faith.

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

Nays: Trustee Oscar Brown.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2016 – 14.

F-2c: First, Second, and Third Readings – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 222, Department of Finance Title Six, Administering Code, of the Codified Ordinance of The Village of University Park Cook & Will Counties, Illinois by Adding Section 222-07, Use of TIF Moneys.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2016 – 12.

F-2d: First, Second, and Third Readings An Ordinance Authorizing And Providing For A \$2,500,000 General Obligation Tax Anticipation Warrant For Tax Year 2015 Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will Counties, Illinois.

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

Trustee Wilson stated that she wants to see a breakdown of the amount of money to be allocated for each category for distribution of these funds.

Trustee Oscar Brown commended Acting Village Manager Townsend for her efforts in securing these funds.

Acting Manager Townsend responded that approval is contingent on the completion of the 2015 audit. However, she is pro-actively getting things in place to facilitate the process.

Mayor Covington stated that she is leary of this piece of legislation.

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

Motion To Approve Carried

Ordinance Number O2016 – 13.

F-2e: Bills Payable

Acting Manager Townsend stated that the AP System just starting working last week, and she and Jacelia are working on preparing a list of payments that have been made from the aged/aging report. No action taken on this item.

Mayor Covington commented on checks issued to AMAudit before the Village received it's percentage of the revenue.

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

REPORTS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Griffin reported that Phase III Road Construction on University Parkway from Governors Highway to Crawford Avenue is moving on schedule, and should be completed by October, 2016. He also reported that there is to be a traffic signal installed near the entrance of GSU.

Trustee Larry Brown commented that misuse of, or transfer of TIF Funds has been an on-going practice for approximately fifteen years, and is not new. However, we must now put measures in place to prevent this from happening as we move forward.

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

Village Treasurer Dilworth reported that he was in the office last Wednesday; that Jacelia Kelly is the only person in the finance department, but she is doing a great job. He voiced his concern that he does not have access to all financial records, and wants the Board to pass an ordinance giving him the authority that he deserves.

Trustee Wilson responded that she was glad that Mr. Dilworth would be helping in Village Hall, because she has been asking for an aged report and or a copy of what's being paid.

Acting Manager Townsend stated that she is working with Treasurer Dilworth and will make sure that he is trained in, and given access to the processes of the Village's finances. She stated that the Treasurer has statutory duties that will be recognized.

Mayor Covington stated that she would have an ordinance on the next agenda to address the concerns of Treasurer Dilworth. She also voiced her concern that Jacelia Kelly has too much responsibility, and that there should be some separation of duties with checks and balances, and one individual should not have the authority to do it all.

Acting Manager Townsend responded that Jacelia Kelly has been employed for more than five years, and is cross trained in all aspects of front office procedures. That this is a short-term situation to get us through until our finances improve. She also stated that checks and balances are in place.

Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress reported that the Village has received \$73,000.00 to rebuild and restore Craig Park, and they will be at Craig Park on May 21, 2016 to complete the project. However, volunteers are desperately needed.

Parks & Recreation Programs Supervisor Neva Jenkins expounded on the things that would be done in the restoration of Craig Park which includes painting and enhancement of the Kids Zone. To volunteer please call (708) 367-4712, or (708) 5334-4837. She also reported that the Coretta Scott King 5K Walk & Run would be held on April 30, 2016, and that due to road closure, everyone should be there no later than 8:30 a.m.

Police Chief Pate reported that in June a Community Law Enforcement Forum would be held and would include all Police Department personnel and the Village Manager: Squatters is a real problem in the Village, and the Police Department is partnering with Code Enforcement to write the appropriate tickets for violators. He also stated that all tickets written by the police department have a right for review and disposal only by our Administrative Review process. He stressed the importance of residents calling the police when they see squatters in homes.

Trustee Larry Brown commented on the need for more visible presence of police at the Hickory Creek Apartment on Cicero to address and deal with their problems.

Police Chief Pate responded that they are first to respond to calls based on the resources, and nature. That Richton Park is usually dispatched along with the University Park Police Department. However, he will schedule a meeting with management at that complex to address their needs, and get to know the residents.

Mayor Covington asked if we have an agreement with METRA for security at those stations.

Police Chief Pate responded that METRA has contracted with a third party to handle their security issues. However, UPPD patrols the area regularly.

Public Works Director Richardson reported that there was a major well break at the golf club that is in the process of being repaired.

REPORT OF VILLAGE CLERK:

Village Clerk Dee Jones reported that she received notice from Will County Clerk's Office that several elected, appointed and commission members had not returned their Statement of Economic Interest forms to the County. She urged everyone who had not done so, to please return the forms before May 1, 2016 to avoid a filing penalty.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Covington reported that the Village owns several valuable miniature trains that she wants found and returned; The Veterans Moving Wall would be in Hazel Crest on May 7, 2016. She offered condolences to Kujo Baffour and former Trustee Sharon McGuire-Box in the loss of their fathers.

H. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to move into executive session for purposes of Litigation – Pending/Eminent Litigation Against, Affecting, Or On Behalf Of Public Body; And Personnel - Appointment/Employment/Compensation/Discipline/Dismissal Of An Employee/Lease/Sale Of Municipal Property) at 8:55 p.m.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:58 p.m. with nothing to report out.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:59 PM.

Motion to Adjourn Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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