

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, May 10, 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 7:06 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Vivian E. Covington	Present
Trustees:	Larry B. Brown	Absent (arrived @ 7:08)
	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 Felicia Frazier, Police Chief John Pate, Parks & Recreation Program Supervisor Neva Jenkins, Public Works Director Gary Richardson, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios, 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 Payton seconded a motion to approve minutes of the special meeting/public hearing held April 26, 2016.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve minutes of the regular meetings held April 26, 2016.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

E: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Kari Boykin addressed the Mayor and Board and stated that she is a resident who lives, works, and golf in the Village. She asked to know what safeguards are in place to protect the Village when a management company is selected. She asked if Michael Realty would be disqualified from participating in this process because they had previously submitted a proposal. She again stressed the importance of having someone who knows about golf clubs and have experience in golf club management.

Acting Manager Townsend responded that the Sealed Request for Proposals (RFP) will be opened on Monday, May 16 at 2 PM at Village Hall, and the public is invited to attend. After the request for proposals are opened, they would be reviewed by the Board and a decision would be made. She also stated that Michael Realty would be allowed to submit a sealed proposal, and no one is prohibited from participating in this process.

Ms. Gwendolyn Williams stated that she is a 33 year resident of the Village and has concerns that the Board of Trustees minutes have not been updated on the website since last year; she voiced her concerns with the budget that is posted on the website, and stated that serious revisions need to be made.

Acting Manager Townsend responded that she would check with the IT Director and attempt to resolve this problem.

Village Clerk Dee Jones responded that IT Director Bolton informed her that they were having technical problems with posting on the website. However, she could email to anyone desiring copies of those minutes, or they could be requested and picked up at Village Hall.

Mr. Smith, a resident in the Fairway Estates voiced his concern with a resident who brings her dog in that area to defecate on their property, and vacant property on Birdie Lane.

Police Chief Pate responded that he has received and viewed videos of the incidents, and the person in question has been identified, and the Police Department is following up on the complaint.

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property No Longer Necessary Or Useful To The Village And Authorizing The Sale Or Disposal Of A Fire Department Vehicle

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2016 – 15.

F-2b: Motion To Approve The Expenditure Of Scholarship Funds.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve the expenditure of \$7,500.00 for 2016 scholarship recipients.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2c: Appointments/Re-Appointment Plan Commission

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to approve the re-appointments of Ms. LaVerne Williams, Mrs. Virnita Martin, and Ms. Cher`ese Williams to the Plan Commission. All terms to expire December 31, 2019.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2d: Motion To Appoint Plan Commission Chair – One (1) Year Term.

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

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

Nays: Trustee Wilson, and Mayor Covington.

Absent: None.

Motion To Table Carried.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

a) Proclamation – Municipal Clerk's Week

Trustee Wilson read the proclamation.

Mayor Covington congratulated Dr. Blondean Davis, Principal of Southland High School for her acquisition of millions of dollars for scholarships for students. She noted that 100% of her graduating class have been accepted in college; that revenue from HB696 could be eliminated. However, State Senators Hutchinson and Trotter are working hard on the budget committee to push that bill forward. She also reported that tax revenue does not look good for municipalities, and funds are being held up by the Governor until he gets what he wants.

REPORTS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Oscar Brown reminded everyone to be out at Craig Park on Saturday, May 21st for the restore and clean-up project.

REPORT OF ACTING VILLAGE MANAGER

Acting Village Manager Townsend reported that vehicle stickers for the 2016 – 17 year are on sale, and that Village Collector Claudia Webb is on-site tonight, and would be on site at the Village Board Meeting in May and June, 2016 to allow for the purchase of vehicle stickers.

Mayor Covington announced that there is a need for members on the Human Services & Special Events Committee (HSSEC) to help plan for the 50th anniversary of the Village of University Park, and asked that interested individuals please sign up.

REPORTS OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Public Works Director Richardson reported that next week is Public Works Recognition Week; that street repairs would begin next week; they have been working on repairing street lights and should be completed by end of the month, and lights at the Town Center have been upgraded, and the work at the golf club has been completed.

Parks & Recreation Programs Supervisor Neva Jenkins reported that Day Camp would begin June 13th through August 12, 2016; the cost is \$350.00 for residents. She also reported that they have partnered with Park Forest Aquatic Center for the summer and would be available from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

Police Chief Pate reported on upcoming events including the Community Police & Fire Academy is scheduled to begin in August with either a 16 week or 8 week condensed program; Ride Along with elected officials and Village Manager, and the community outreach Program. Responding to Trustee Larry Brown, Chief Pate reported that safety checks would be held in late spring or early summer. Notice would be given as required by law.

H. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin 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 8:00 p.m.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:51 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 8:52 PM.

Motion to Adjourn Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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