

***Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, August 11, 2015 At #90 Town Center Drive In The Village Of University Park***

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Covington called this regular meeting of the of Board of Trustees to order at 8:31 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were Village Manager Bola Delano, Attorney Gina Harrison, Finance Director Sharon Floyd, Acting Police Chief Dan Murphy, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Golf Course General Manager/PGA Pro Paul Blockoms, Deputy Fire Chief Brain Chellios, Public Works Manager Jerry Hunt, IT Director Deryl Bolton, Director of Governmental Affairs Tim Williams, HR Director Maxine Jackson, 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the BOT held Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

Trustee Oscar Brown noted a correction to the minutes on page 6.

Mayor Covington noted a correction to the minutes on page 9.

Trustee Larry Brown noted a correction to the minutes on page 10.

Attorney Harrison noted a correction to the minutes on page 11.

**Roll Call on Minutes:**

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

***Motion To Approve Carried.***

***E: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS***

Mrs. Vanessa Lawson, University Park Library Board Trustee greeted the Board and took a poll of how many people had visited the Library. Mrs. Lawson encouraged everyone to come and visits the Library and view the exhibition that the youth has created. She noted that Philip Jackson started the Black Star Project and he stated that those who control the education of the children control the future of that race. Mrs. Lawson stated that she is for development in our community, but if we are going to develop something, we should develop something for our youth. She also announced that the first meeting for Advocates For Change will take place Saturday, August 15, 2015 at the University Park Library.

Ms. Green greeted the Board and asked questions regarding Mr. Lovelace being appointed to the Board of Fire and Police Commission, and gave her comments regarding Mr. Lovelace.

Trustee Oscar Brown noted that the appointment for Mr. Lovelace was tabled until October 27, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Coats greeted the Board and stated that he has been a longtime resident, and voiced his concerns with the conditions of the walking path, stating they can be improved, and suggested that some focus needs to be put into the golf course.

Mr. Steve Allen greeted the Board and commended the First Baptist Church and the Village for the event that took place over the weekend, he stated that everything was beautiful.

***F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

***F-1a: Second Reading – An Ordinance Amending Section 1442-04 Of Chapter 1442 of Title Four Of Part Fourteen Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of University Park, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois Pertaining to License Fees and Bonds of Contractors.***

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance.

Manager Delano explained the comparison that were conducted on the neighboring communities, and stated that it was found that the Village of University Park has the lowest prices for License and Contractors fees.

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

***Motion to Approve Carried***

***F-1b: First Reading – Ordinance Amending section 1232-02 (D)(4) Of Chapter 1232 Of Title Six Of Part Twelve Of The Codified Ordinances of The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties, Illinois, Increasing the size of Storage.***

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve first reading of this ordinance.

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

***Motion to approve carried.***

***F-2: NEW BUSINESS***

***F-2a: First Reading – An Ordinance of the Village of University Park, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois Authorizing The Purchase of Certain Tax Delinquent Properties In the Village of University Park.***

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve first reading of this ordinance.

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

***Motion carried to Approve.***

***F-2b: First Reading – An Ordinance of the Village of University Park, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois Authorizing The Purchase of Certain Tax Delinquent Properties In the Village of University Park.***

**F-2b continued:**

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve this first reading of this ordinance.

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

**Motion to approve carried.**

**F-2c: First Reading – Ordinance amending section 610-10 Of Chapter 610 “Animals Of The General Offenses Code to Add A Penalty for Dog Walking In Restricted Areas.**

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve the first reading of this ordinance.

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

**Motion to approve carried.**

**F-2d: First Reading – An Ordinance Of the Village Of University Park, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois Opposing The Public Financing Of Any Proposed Residential or Commercial Development Submitted By Town Builder Studios Chicago.**

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to table this ordinance.

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

**Motion to table approved.**

**F-2e: A Resolution Of The Village of University Park, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois Establishing certain Dates for Meetings of The Village Board Of Trustee During the Month of July and August.**

Trustee Oscar Brown moved to approve this resolution. However, due to lack of a second, this motion failed to carry.

**F-2f: A Resolution of The Village of University Park, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois Celebrating The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Passage Of The Americans With Disabilities Act.**

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

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

***Motion to approve carried***

**Resolution Number R2015-17.**

**F-2g: Bills Payable**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to approve a listing of general operating funds for the Village of University Park from July 29, 2015 to August 11, 2015. The following is a list of funds charged for those expenses.

General Operation Fund	\$ 245,452.58
Road & Bridge	\$ 4,555.66
Town Center	\$ 3,495.10
Golf Course	\$ 28,458.33
Capital Project Fund	\$ 4,291.56
After Payroll	\$ 600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 286,853.23</b>

Trustee Payton questioned check number 85242 for Ancel, Glink, Diamond, & Bush.

Trustee Wilson questioned check number 85271 for Home Depot, and 85304 Star Disposal Service Inc.

Trustee Payton questioned check number 85286 for Montana & Welch, LLC.

Trustee Griffin questioned check number 85294 for PK's Christian Catering & Deli

Mayor Covington questioned check number 85297 for Reinhart Food Service and 85305 for Tinley Ice.

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

***Motion To Approve Carried.***

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

Trustee Oscar Brown report on the Block Club party that happened on Nathan Road, he thanked the organizers of the event and the Village Manager and Staff for all the help in making the event a success.

Trustee Larry Brown noted that he received a letter from a resident (Ms. Deborah Taylor) asking what is being done about the illegal firework that has been set off around the Village. Trustee Larry Brown stated that he received the Municipal Police Bulletin every month and he can say that the months of May, June, July the patrol man has answered calls regarding illegal fireworks. Trustee Larry Brown encouraged the residents to call the police in they see any illegal activity going on in the Village. Trustee Larry Brown noted that the Village has an ordinance regarding illegal fireworks.

Trustee Griffin reported that I-57 interchange project experienced a little delay due to the rain, but stated that the I-57 interchange is scheduled to open the second week in October.

Trustee Wilson congratulated the University Park Pinto on winning the Championship. Trustee Wilson noted that the University Park baseball had their annual picnic at Craig Park, but the annual baseball game was rained out. She also noted that picnic was a success despite the rain. She congratulated Vontrell Banks who went down to Florida to represent University Park. She also announced that the Village is searching for a Grant Writer that will help write grants for the sport equipment for our sports programs.

**H-1: Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Covington congratulated the University Park Baseball Pinto Team on their Championship, and announced that along with Trustee Paula Wilson, they will be starting a Youth Legislator Program and will be looking for youth ages 13 and up. This program will allow the youth to get knowledge on how to be legislators. For more information please contact Tim Williams at 708 – 235-0012.

Mayor Covington reported that most property owners may have received their property assessment values and it is very disappointing that the property value has gone down; some of the factors that are bringing the property value down are sales records and foreclosures. Mayor Covington stated that we need to buckle down and transform University Park and some recent initiatives to attract business are coming to fruition. She announced that another company will be moving to University Park and they will be merging with an existing company here bringing an additional 25 new jobs and creating 10 new jobs within the company.

**Mayor's Report – continued:**

Mayor Covington stated that the company was going to move in its entirety to Indiana but we succeeded in retaining them here in University Park. Once we receive details of the new jobs they will be posted on the Village website, at Village hall and announced on the cable channel.

Mayor Covington noted the current job openings within the Village Of University Park: The University Park Police is currently seeking a part-time police officer/animal control, the University Park Golf Club is seeking a golf superintendent and the Village Manager office is currently seeking an executive administrative assistant.

Mayor Covington noted that the staff has been conducting a fiscal audit and some of the results and savings accrued to date are being shared with the Board. She noted that the total general fund operational expenses for this quarter in comparison to this quarter last year has fell by 20%. The general operation expense for 2014 was \$ 2,896,226.95 this year the general operation expense is \$ 2,321,520.93 which is a difference of \$ 574,706.02.

Mayor Covington gave a special thanks to First Baptist Church for collaborating with us to host a successful event, there were 300 school book bags given out to the community; There will be a free document shredding event held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 8am until 11am at Bloom Plaza 1020 Dixie Highway, Chicago Heights this event will be hosted by State Representative De Luca; Mayor Covington noted that the Board Retreat will be held on October 9 & 10, 2015; a workshop held by Donna Gayden on Village Finances the date of the workshop will be announced at a later time; The Plan Commission training will be held on 8/12/2015 @ 7:00 p.m. and the Presenter will be Hubert Morgan; The State of Village will be held at 90 Center on Saturday, October 24, 2015.

Mayor Covington announced that the Central Management Services will be hosting an informational event and networking opportunity for business owner to learn the process in doing business with the State; business owner can connect with other professionals and gain access to State and local resources that promote the growth of small businesses and diversity inclusion. The event will be held on August 18, 2015 at South Suburban College Main Campus from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Mayor Covington encouraged the audience to pick up a flyer on the way out.

**G. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None.**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

None.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 10:01 p.m.

***Motion to Adjourn Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.***

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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

BY:

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Jacelia Kelly, Deputy Village Clerk