

**Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For
The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois,
Held Tuesday, September 8, 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 7:08 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	Present

Also present were Village Manager Bola Delano, Attorney Gina Harrison, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Golf Club General Manager/PGA Paul Blockoms, Acting Police Chief Dan Murphy, Public Works Manager Jerry Hunt, IT Director Deryl Bolton, HR Director Maxine Jackson, 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 Griffin moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the BOT held Tuesday, August 25, 2015.

Trustee Payton noted a correction on page 7, and Mayor Covington asked to have the minutes reflect that she informed the Board that Trustee Roudez was on vacation for the month of August. (Those noted corrections were made to the minutes)

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

E: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trustee Wilson informed the public and the Board of the death of the mother of Coach Donzell Franklin. Stated that contributions were being collected for flowers, and individuals wishing to contribute should contact Eugene Lawson. She gave the date and location of the services for his mother.

Mayor Covington informed the public of the passing of Marge Friedman, former Village Clerk in Park Forest, a devoted member of the League of Women Voters, and an advocate for social change in the south suburban region.

Mayor Covington also commented that the recent Board meetings have not been broadcasted because the technician has been unable to access the past codes. However, all of the back dated Board meetings will be aired as soon as the software is available.

Mr. Art King, a longtime resident of this Village who has served on many committees and commissions voiced his concerns with the discord that it is shown between Board member, that has created a problem that he feels is a cultural gap on the Board that is deteriorating physical and structure of this Village. Stated that the voters want good government, that is why the officials were elected, and the asked the Board to stop the nonsense. He offered his assistance in making the Village better but stated he will not work with foolishness, and urged the Board to stick with policy making, and stop trying to manage staff.

Trustee Oscar Brown responded that he has attempted to stop the arguments and focus on issues. He plans to fulfill his full term, and work on returning full service to the Village. He also asked if the entire Board should be informed of actions by the Village Manager.

Trustee Griffin stated that he attempts to quantify his decisions and votes when he feel is best for the Village. He stated that he voted for the Head Tax Ordinance and was criticized for doing that. However, he stands by that decision because those businesses do not pay taxes or give anything back to the Village, and the funds collected have helped pay for road repairs and purchase needed equipment. He stated that some of the Board members constantly degrade other Board members when talking to prospective clients and wonder why they don't want to locate into this Village.

Trustee Roudez asked Mr. King if he had ever sat down with him or any other elected official and voiced his concerns.

Mayor Covington commented that Village Manager Delano is here to get away from the old and bring structure and change to this Village.

General public continued:

Mr. David Lyons, US Fugitive Training Bureau commented that they are building a state and federal training facility in the Village and that they have a long extensive background in this type of work. He stated that they are working with the Village, and they were involved in the background process for the new chief of police, and wants to know the chatter of their involvement is coming from.

Trustee Roudez asked to know what the chatter is, and who informed them off such chatter.

Mr. John Howard responded that they were not there to discuss the situation openly, that he would not name anyone publicly but he is available to answer any concern right now. He stated that there have been concerns with their company being at the police department and around the Village.

Trustee Griffin asked if there is an investigation and if the Feds would be taking over the University Park Police Department.

Mr. Howard responded that if an investigation was ongoing they would only discuss it in an executive session. However, their investment is planned for over \$5 million and the investors for taking his recommendation seriously, and they want to invest and bring this development to University Park he also explained the selection process for the chief of police

Ms. Gina Williams commented on an article in the Kankakee News that she referred to crooked agenda, and stated that busybodies are giving the publisher untrue information. She stated that she commends Manager Delano for exposing bad employees, and that she would like to meet with the author of that article.

Mrs. Vanessa Lawson, University Park Library Board Trustee greeted the Board and stated that she too is concerned with the discord on the Board, and stated that we need to bring back the love. She stated that she is willing to help heal this Village, and want everyone to come together, and work together for the betterment of this Village. She made a request to meet with all the Trustees.

First Baptist Church Pastor Rev. Reginald Williams, led the ordinance in prayer at 8:00 pm prior to the business portion of the meeting.

Motion to Add an Executive Session:

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to add an executive session for purposes of personnel to the agenda.

After a brief discussion by the Board Trustee Roudez withdrew his motion.

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F-1a: Third 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 Wilson moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance.

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

Motion to Approve Carried Failed.

F-1b: Third Reading – Ordinance Declaring Certain Personal Property No Longer Necessary Or Useful To The Village And Authorizing The Sale Or Disposal Of A Fire Department Vehicle

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to approve third reading 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 O2015-38.

F-1c: Third 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 Wilson moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance.

Trustee Roudez asked if a dog park could be considered in the future to allow for pet lovers to walk their dogs. However, they would have to clean up after their dogs.

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

Motion to Approve Carried Ordinance Number O2015-39.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – CONTINUED:

F-1d: Resolution Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will Counties, Illinois Approving A Conference Attendance Policy

Trustee Wilson Moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to approve this resolution.

Mayor Covington explained the essence of this resolution.

Motion To Table:

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to table this item to the Board retreat.

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

Motion To Table To Board Retreat Carried.

F-1e: A Resolution Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will Counties, Illinois Approving A Branch Pickup Policy

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

Attorney Harrison read the exhibit (that was not attached) relating to pick-up policy.

Mayor Covington stated that she wants to be sure that public works has staff to pick up branches, as they did in the past.

Village Manager Delano commented that branch pick-up is part of the garbage collection contract, and with the shortage of staff in the Public Works Department, and the need to re-structure, Public Works would only pick up on specific dates.

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

Motion Failed to Carry.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: Resolution Of the Village of University Park, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, To Appoint A Local Government Director To the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority.

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

Village Manager Delano commented that University Park is the only municipality in the South suburban who is not a member of the South Suburban Land Bank, and in order to get funding you must a member. She stated that this is an attempt to get funding to address the blighted Cityscape Property, and that this is the last year for the funding. This program will offer grants and loans that will be forgiven and 3 years.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried

Resolution Number R2015-19.

F-2b: Motion – Approving The Purchase Of 2015-16 Bulk Road Salt.

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to approve this salt purchase from Morton Salt Company.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-2c: Resolution Celebrating And Honoring Former Police Commander /Acting Police Chief Darryl Stroud, PhD For His Twenty-three (23) Years of Dedicated Service (1992 – 2015) On His Retirement

Trustee Oscar Brown moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to table this item to the next meeting when Chief Stroud would be present.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Table Carried.

F-2d: Bills Payable

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve a listing of the general operating expenses for the Village of University Park from August 25, 2015 to September 8, 2015. The following funds will be charged for those expenses.

General Operation Fund	\$ 170,171.93
Road & Bridge	\$ 2,012.51
Town Center	\$ 14.00
Golf Course	\$ <u>42,454.60</u>
Total	\$ 214,653.04

Trustee Griffin questioned several checks, and was supplied an answer.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Keely Childress reported that a workshop would be held to identify funding for sports programs and parks facilities.

Trustee Wilson referred to a newspaper article from the Kankakee News and stated that she feels that the two Trustees whose pictures were not included must be a part of this article. She stated that she is appalled at the article and want the author to get the information correct; she stated she does not hire employees, nor is she corrupt, and does not understand why her picture was included in this article.

Trustee Griffin responded that he was not contacted by anyone, and does not appreciate being slandered by Trustee Wilson. Also he reported that the I 57 Lane changes are going well, as is the road work on University Park.

Trustee Roudez commented that he is glad to be back, after having the opportunity to spend substantial quality time with his family.

Trustee Oscar Brown stated that he does not know anything about the article referenced by Trustee Wilson.

Trustee Larry Brown offered condolences to Donzell Franklin and his family in the loss of their mother. He also reported that the Lions Football Team will be having their homecoming game on Sunday.

Village Manager's Report:

Village Manager Delano reported that The Village of University Park is now part of the Enterprise Zone, and she listed some of the advantages for investors to come to University Park; She and Mayor Covington have been attending meetings dealing with the way and procedures to address gas losses. They are looking at changing the Village's gas fueling stations and installing cameras, because there had been misuse on Village equipment, some public works employees do not possess CDL licenses. She also announced that Sue Sanfratello had retired after 39 years of employment with the Village. She wished her well, thanked Trustees Griffin and Roudez for the cake to help celebrate the retirement, and stated that in the near future they would bring Sue back for a proper recognition for her service.

Trustee Roudez asked if we could develop a system to recognize long term employees.

Manager Delano reported that records show that 13 years ago funds and plans were made to move Village Hall to the Town Center, and noted that with minor improvements, that now could be done with an estimated cost of \$150,000.00 using TIF Funds. She stated that her intent is to have the item on the next agenda.

H Mayor's Report:

Mayor Covington reported that 201-U School Board will be a part of the Town Hall Meeting; she stated that she had received good news from Representative DeLuca that the Village will receive 1.1 million dollars for lighting on Steger Road in 2017, and she read a list of municipalities not getting such funding; she stated that the newspaper article does not make the Village look good. She also reported on meeting and events that she had attended since the last meeting.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to move into executive session for purposes of personnel at 9:34 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried.

The Board returned from executive session at 10:38 and took the following action.

Trustee Payton moved, Trustee Wilson seconded a motion to approve the appointment of John Pate as the new Chief of Police.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Trustees Griffin, Roudez, and Oscar Brown left the meeting at 10:45 and did not return.

Village Clerk Dee Jones administered the Oath of Office to Chief Pate.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Payton seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee at 10:46 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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