

***Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees For
The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois,
Held Tuesday, December 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 Board of Trustees to order at 8:07 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Vivian E. Covington	Present
Trustees:	Larry B. Brown	Present
	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, Village Attorney, Village Treasurer Devon Dilworth, Finance Director Sharon Floyd, Police Chief John Pate, Parks & Recreation Director Keely Childress, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Chellios, Golf Club Restaurant Manager Paul Dixon, 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 Oscar Brown seconded a motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting held November 10, 2015.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Abstained: Trustees Griffin.

Motion To Approve Carried.

E: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Mildred Morgan voiced her concerns relating to how purchases are being made on the credit card that belongs to Mayor Vivian Covington, Bola Delano, Lafayette Linear and Trustee Wilson. She stated that there is an amount of \$534.24 unaccounted for, and due the Village from Ms. Delano; over \$8,000.00 due the Village from Mr. Linear; and over \$9,000.00 due from Mayor Covington, Trustee Wilson and Ms. Delano in addition to the \$1,644.00 hotel bill and donations.

Mrs. Star Lawson greeted the Board and commented on a letter read by Mayor Covington at the November 10th meeting relating to allegations of mismanagement of funds of the Baseball Association, and calling for the removal of Mrs. Lawson from that organization for alleged misappropriation of funds. She refuted the allegations, and noted that with new administration, there are usually changes that are not always the perceived practices. She further stated that the University Park Youth Baseball Association is being dissolved.

Ms. Kari Boykins voiced her concerns with the response that she received relating to the length of time and the numerous lights that are out on Maple Court and Greenbriar Lane, and the lack of road repairs on those streets. She stated that for several years these streets have been on a list for repairs, but nothing has been done. She also noted that the website has not been updated recently, and asked if she could obtain copies of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings.

Ms. Gina Williams stated that the Village is in a financial deficit and she does not feel that the Acting Village Manager should get the same salary as Bola Delano, nor should she have a vehicle. She further stated that she is tired of the Kankakee Newspaper.

Motion To Amend Placement Of Agenda Items:

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to amend the agenda placement, and move the Mayor's Report G-1 up on the agenda before business items, after general public comments.

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Covington reported that the Governor had approved the release of MFT Funds for municipalities. She introduced Crete-Monee School District Superintendent Nathaniel Cunningham for a presentation.

Accompanied by Dr. Ann Williams and Dr. Nakia Hall, Crete-Monee School District Superintendent Nathaniel Cunningham gave an update and power point presentation on developments relating to the school district, and the Facilitating Master Plan where they have built in efficiency plans. Mr. Cunningham reported that the Governor has approved 15.5 million ISBE Bonds to refinance the existing bonds which will be a savings to the municipalities served by the school district.

Swearing In Police Officers

Accompanied by Mayor Covington, Board of Trustees, Chief Pate, Fire & Police Chair Theo Brooks, Commissioners Young and Greer, Village Clerk Dee Jones administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers Matthew Manski, Quintana Ward, Kenneth Ray, Tory Bridgeforth, and William Reed.

Presentation – Ruhl Commercial Company – Request For An Extension To TIF V, New Will County Interchange I-57 & Stuenkel Road)

Mr. Ray Ozack, representing the Bartels Family made a presentation to the Board relating to their desire for an extension of an additional twelve years to the existing TIF V ordinance. He noted that the current TIF is scheduled to expire in 2024, but with the construction and opening of the I-57 Interchange they have planned development on that 54.5 acres of land that would include Gas Station & Convenience Store, Drug store, retail shopping center, restaurants, hotel and other commercial and industrial businesses. He gave an overview of the projected plans, the needed improvements needed, and some of the assistance needed from the Village.

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to combine Items F-1a, F-1b, and F-1c into one single vote for approval, subject to attorney review.

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

Nays: Trustee Wilson, and Mayor Covington.

Absent: None.

Motion To Approve Carried.

F-1a: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Readings – An Ordinance Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will Counties, Illinois Providing For The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$7,500,000. General Obligation Bond Series 2015B.

Motion Approved Ordinance Number O2015-51.

F-1b: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Reading – An Ordinance Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will Counties, Illinois approving Louis Cainkar, Ltd. As Bond Counsel In Connection With The 2015B GO Bond Series Of The Village Of University Park

Motion Approved Ordinance Number O2015-52.

F-1c: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Reading – An Ordinance Of The Village Of University Park, Cook And Will Counties, Illinois Approving Stern Brothers & Co. As Bond Underwriters In Connection With The 2015B GO Bond Series Of The Village Of University Park

Motion Approved Ordinance Number O2015-53.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: First, Second And Third Readings –An Ordinance Levying Taxes For Corporate Purposes Of The Village Of University Park, Illinois, For The Fiscal Year Commencing On The First Day Of May 2016, And Ending On The Thirtieth Day Of April 2017.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez 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 Approved Ordinance Number O2015-54

F-2b: Resolution – Approving A CDBG Program Year 2015 October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016 Agreement Between Will County, Illinois And The Village Of University Park.

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Roudez 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 R2015-26.

F-2c: Resolution – Appointing an Authorized Agent to IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund).

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Griffin seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Jacelia Kelly as the authorized agent to IMRF.

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

Motion To Approve Carried Resolution Number R2015-27.

F-2d: Bills Payable

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to approve a listing of general operating funds for the Village of University Park from November 25, 2015 to December 8, 2015.

General Operation Fund	\$	136,475.33
Road & Bridge	\$	16,692.89
Town Center	\$	2,668.18
Golf Course	\$	211.70
TIF V	\$	29,897.20
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Total:	\$	185,935.30

Bills Payable – continued:

Mayor Covington questioned the payment to Ancel Glink and asked to know the amount still owed that firm.

Finance Director responded that there is approximately \$208,000.00 still owed them, but they have agreed to a payment plan.

Trustee Griffin questioned Check numbers 86054 and 86051.

Motion To Consider Separately Check Number 86054

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to consider separately check number 86054

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

Motion To Approve Carried.

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion to approve check number 86054.

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

Motion To Pay check number 86054 Approved.

Roll Call on Main Motion:

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

Motion To Approve Carried

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

G-2: Report of Acting Village Manager

Acting Village Manager Townsend reported on the hiring of a new Director of Public Works, and introduced Mr. Gary Richardson. She noted that he is a resident of University Park, has served twelve years as supervisor of building & grounds at the Village of Elmhurst.

Mayor Covington stated that she wants to see the skill sets of employees in the public works department utilized, and additional training for them.

Mr. Gary Richardson thanked the Village for the opportunity to serve them, and stated that he wants all of the employees in that department APA certified by next year.

REPORTS OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

Parks & Recreation Director Childress thanked Mr. Perkins for the fantastic job in the production of the Parks & Recreation newsletter, and noted that this issue is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Johnnie White. She also asked for volunteers for Friday Night open Gym.

Police Chief Pate reported that he is looking at amending the weight enforcement to increase fees and allow for writing tickets on a local level to avoid waiting for the State to collect and pay the Village.

Village Treasurer Dilworth stated that he wants it mandated that the treasurer sign off on all checks.

Mr. Paul Dixon asked for a moment of silence in memory of the late Mr. Johnnie White.

H. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Wilson moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to move into Executive Session for purposes of personnel at 10:27 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 11:41 p.m. with nothing to report out.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Griffin moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 11:41 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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