

Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Of The Board Of Trustee For The Village Of University Park, Will And Cook Counties Illinois, Held Tuesday, February 10, 2009 At #90 Town Center Drive, In The Village Of University Park.

A. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Mayor McCowan, Trustee Young called this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:00 p.m.

Village Clerk Dee Jones noted that a physical quorum was present, and announced that Mayor McCowan had called and indicated that he would be out of town tonight and unable to attend the meeting; he requested that, with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Oscar Brown be appointed Mayor Pro-tem for this meeting.

Appointment of Mayor Pro-tem

Trustee Young moved, Trustee McGuire seconded a motion for approval of the appointment of Trustee Oscar Brown as Mayor Pro-tem for this meeting.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve carried.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Alvin R. McCowan	Absent
Trustees:	Sharon A. McGuire	Present
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present
	Vivian E. Covington	Absent
	Jimmie D. Young	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Present
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Also present were Village Attorney Forest Miles, Interim Village Manager/Finance Director David Sevier, Village Treasurer James Ellis, IT Director Deryl Bolton, Police Chief Mel Easley, II, Executive Liaison Kari Boykin, Public Works Director Jerry Townsend, Fire Chief Charles Exner, Parks & Recreations Director Robert Graham, Golf Club Manger/PGA Golf Pro Paul Blockoms, Director of Communications Sherry Williams, and Village Clerk Dorothy R. Jones.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-tem Oscar Brown led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

D. READING OF MINUTES

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Larry seconded a motion that the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the regular meeting held January 27, 2009 be approved as presented.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve carried.

E. NON-DISCUSSION AGENDA

E -1: Village Manager's Report

Interim Village Manager David Sevier reported that he should have some interesting news relating to CityScape Development within the next week; applications are being accepted for positions in Information Technology, Code Enforcement and Public Works Departments, applications are available at Village Hall; the 2010 budget process is underway, and the 2007 audit is nearly complete; and Crete/Monee 201 U Foundation is sponsoring a Wine & Cheese fundraiser on March 14, 2009 at the University Golf & Conference Center. He noted that this is the first time that the foundation has taken this event to our facility, and urged support from residents.

Trustee McGuire asked Mr. Sevier if any employee cuts are expected in the upcoming budget, and voiced her concerns with the proposed stimulus package and what Mr. Boykin is doing to help University Park. She stated that she would like a Town Hall meeting so the residents could have some input in what direction the Village is heading and projects they would like to see. Additionally, she voiced her concern that all entities, such as the schools and libraries in the district are included in receiving funds from the stimulus package.

Responding to Trustee McGuire's concerns, Mr. Sevier stated that he does not expect cuts in the current budget and the next budget would not exceed the expected \$75,000.00. He also stated that he spoke with Mr. Boykin earlier today, and would prepare a report for the Board by tomorrow.

Manager's Report continued:

Trustee Larry Brown asked if there is a reason that lights are on constantly at Craig Park, and if the Video Monitoring System that was purchased approximately six years is still operational and in use.

Manager Sevier responded that the lights are kept on in an attempt to deter criminal activity. However, they are looking to install a timing mechanism on the lights in the early spring, and they are looking at another type of monitoring system because the one installed several years ago is not adequate, nor workable.

Mayor Pro-tem Oscar Brown asked for a status report on Town Builders Studio Project and if they had signed a land deal.

Manager Sevier responded that the consultant is still working on acquiring the land.

Trustee McGuire asked for a copy of what Mr. Boykin has requested from President Obama's Stimulus package.

E-2: Mayor's Report

In the absence of Mayor McCowan no report was given.

E-3: Committee & Commission Reports

No verbal reports given.

E-4: Reports Of Other Officers

Executive Liaison Kari Boykin reported that Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. would host two Town Hall Meetings relating to the Stimulus Package. One will be at South Suburban College at 15800 State St. in South Holland and another one at Rainbow Beach Center, 3117 E. 77th St., in Chicago on February 19, 2009; applications for Census Takers would be held on February 17th, February 23 -24th and March 2nd at the University Park Library. Additional information may be obtained by calling (866) 861-2010.

Attorney Forest Miles reported on potential problems he is experiencing with the Forest Preserve District in getting approval for use of the Easement so the School District can complete the road project leading to the elementary school in Monee. He noted that the Village required that \$1.5 million dollars be put in escrow to pay for the road repair and now the Forest Preserve District is fighting against the project.

Mr. Miles stated that he and Manager Sevier would attend a meeting on March 4, 2009 with representatives from the Forest Preserve District and 201-U representatives to attempt to resolve this issue.

F. DISCUSSION AGENDA

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: First, Second And Third Readings – Ordinance Declaring Certain Division Of Fire Emergency Equipment No Longer Necessary Or Useful The Village And Authorizing The Sale Or Disposal Of Said Emergency Equipment [Two (2) Fire Engines; Model Years 1972 And 1980]

Trustee Young moved, Trustee McGuire seconded a motion for approval of first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve carried Ordinance Number 2009-05.

F-2b: First, Second And Third Readings - Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement With B&P Apparatus Inc. As Fire Apparatus Brokers To Sell Two (2) Surplus Fire Engines

Trustee Young moved, Trustee McGuire seconded a motion for approval of first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Mayor Pro-tem Oscar Brown asked if any attempts had been made to sell the apparatus directly to a municipality.

Trustee McGuire asked if any other company, specifically any minority companies, had been approached for sell of these fire engines.

Manager Sevier responded that no other broker had been contacted.

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee McGuire seconded a motion for approval of a table of this item.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to table carried.

F-2c: First, Second And Third Readings - Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Village Of University Park And The Will County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board For The Funding Of A 9-1-1 Surcharge Reallocation

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Young seconded a motion for approval of first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve carried **Ordinance Number 2009-06.**

F-2d: Resolution Authorizing The Acquisition Of One (1) Elgin Crosswind Sweeper Mounted On A Nissan UD 3300 Cabover Chassis

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee McGuire seconded a motion for Board approval of this resolution.

Manager Sevier stated that he and Attorney Miles discussed, in an effort to keep the public informed on capital purchases, to bring forth the item in a resolution form first for approval to proceed, and they would present the item in ordinance form before purchase is completed. He also stated that payment arrangements have been made so that funds would come from the 2011 budget.

Trustee McGuire asked if there is a projection for the amount of usage for this piece of equipment.

Public Works Director Jerry Townsend gave a synopsis of how he plans to divide the village into quarters; therefore, the equipment would be in almost constant usage.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown
Nays: None.
Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve carried **Resolution Number 2009-02.**

F-2e: Resolution Authorizing The Acquisition Of One (1) 2008 Ford F-450 Chassis Equipped With A Monroe Silver Snow Equipment Package And One (1) 2008 Ford F-550 Chassis Equipped With An Articulating Telescopic Aerial Device [One (1) Snow Plow Truck And One (1) Boom Truck]

Trustee Young moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion for approval of this resolution.

F-2e: continued:

Trustee Larry Brown asked if we need upgrades to winter vehicles and if this acquisition would add to the fleet.

Manager Sevier responded that there is a need for upgrades to winter vehicles, and this does add to the fleet.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve carried

Resolution Number 2009-03.

F-2f: Resolution Authorizing The Acquisition Of Golf Carts And Golf Course Utility Vehicles For Use At The University Golf Club And Conference Center

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Young seconded a motion for Board approval of this resolution.

Manager Sevier explained that this acquisition would replace 96 golf carts at a lower cost, and would be energy efficient.

Trustee Larry Brown asked if this had gone out for bid, and stated that he does not remember seeing this item go before the Finance Committee.

Manager Sevier responded that he did go out for bids; however, this item is informational, and would be brought before the Board in ordinance form before completing the acquisition. Approval of this resolution would authorize him to proceed with negotiations.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, and Roudez.

Nays: Trustee Larry Brown

Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve carried

Resolution Number 2009-04.

F-2g: Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Village Of University Park Division Of Fire And The American Red Cross Of Greater Chicago

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Young seconded a motion for approval of this resolution.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve carried

Resolution Number 2009-05.

F-2h: Resolution Authorizing The Golf Course General Manager To Negotiate A Portable Car Washing, Detailing, And Valet Parking Agreement With Washme-Envigreen Corporation To Take Place At The Golf Course

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Young seconded a motion for approval of this resolution.

Trustee Larry Brown asked if there is any liability or cost to the Village of University Park.

Golf Club Manager Blockoms responded that they are negotiating a no cost agreement to the village with the owners of the company.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, and Roudez.

Nays: Trustee Larry Brown

Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve carried

Resolution Number 2009-06.

F-2i: Bills Payable

Trustee Young moved, Trustee McGuire seconded a motion for approval of the listing of the General Operating Expenses that the Village of University Park has incurred for the last two (2) weeks from January 28, 2009 to February 10, 2009 in the following funds:

General Operation Fund	\$ 178,437.73
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 39,650.16
University Golf Club	\$ 41,342.51
Capital Project Fund	\$ 792.19
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 174.47
TIF 1 - Town Center Area Fund	\$ 5,976.73
TIF II – Industrial Park Fund	\$1,041,525.82
TIF IV – Industrial Park Fund	\$ 251,492.50
TIF V – Dralle Industrial Fund	\$ 405,257.80
Total	\$1,964,490.18

Trustee Larry Brown referred to four payments listed on pages 1 and 2 of the register and voiced his concern with payment of those certain bills: check numbers 65079 – American Express, 65088 – Barnes & Thornburg, LLP, 65187 – Town Builders Studios, and asked for clarity on check number 65147, payment to McGladrey & Pullen.

Manager Sevier responded that payment to McGladrey & Pullen is for current work on the audit and payment to American Express is for the Mayor's trip.

Bills Payable – continued:

Trustee Larry Brown moved, Trustee McGuire seconded a motion that Board consider by paragraph the bills payable in their entirety with the exception of check number 65079 – American express – travel & meeting expenses – \$4,467.70; 65088 – Barnes & Thornburg – Lobbying services for the period – \$12,500; 65187 – Town Builder Studios – Thorn Creek Project 12/08– \$17,000 each to be considered separately.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Roudez and Larry Brown.
Nays: None.
Abstained: Trustee Young.
Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion carried.

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion for Board approval of check number 65079, payment to American Express for travel expenses in the amount of \$4,467.70.

Ayes: Trustee Jimmie Young.
Nays: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Roudez, and Larry Brown.
Absent: Trustee Covington, and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve failed.

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion for Board approval of check number 65088, payment to – Barnes & Thornburg – Lobbying services for the period in the amount of \$12,500.00.

Trustee McGuire stated that she is concerned that we do not get a specific monthly report of services being rendered by Mr. Boykin as his contract calls for.

Trustee Larry Brown stated that the last report received was from September 2008, and each report seems to contain the same general information.

Trustee Roudez asked what ramification the Village might incur if payments are not made.

Attorney Miles indicated that once Mr. Boykin is aware that payments are being withheld, he would submit the required report.

Ayes: Trustees Oscar Brown and Jimmie Young.
Nays: Trustees McGuire, Roudez, and Larry Brown.
Absent: Trustee Covington, and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve failed.

Bills Payable – continued:

Trustee McGuire moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion for Board approval of check number 65187, payment to Town Builders Studio - Thorn Creek Project 12/08– in the amount of \$17,000.00

Ayes: None.
Nays: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Young, Roudez, and Larry Brown.
Absent: Trustee Covington, and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve failed.

Roll Call on Main Motion – Bills Payable as amended to exclude the following payments: Check number 65079 – American express – travel & meeting expenses – \$4,467.70; 65088 – Barnes & Thornburg – Lobbying services for the period – \$12,500; and 65187 – Town Builder Studios – Thorn Creek Project 12/08– \$17,000

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Roudez and Larry Brown.
Nays: None
Abstained: Trustee Young
Absent: Trustee Covington and Mayor McCowan.

Motion to approve carried.

G. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Keith Griffin asked for the disposition of the vehicle purchased for the Mayor which was voted down by the Board, and asked why did the Village of University Park paid postage for a job fair that was held by a private company.

Mr. Robert Travis commented that he feels that there is a need to re-evaluate the Lobbyist; asked about the need for the proposed golf cart wash; and voiced his concern that the Mayor has cancelled his appointments to meet with him, and does not return his phone calls.

Ms. Sandra Heard addressed the Board and asked where revenue generated from the cart wash would go; whether management had looked at the effect of projected use of debt payment funds, and asked if consideration had been given to a downturn in the economy.

Mrs. Mary Truss addressed the Board and commented that the LWVPFA would be conducting voter registration campaigns and that direct contact with a successful Village is volunteerism.

General Public comments – continued:

Mrs. Brenda K. Mitchell commented on her concern relating to local public access television station and the lack of the candidates' ability to use it and the village newsletter to profile the candidates, as was a practice put in place under the leadership of the late Presidents Collins and Palmer. She asked the Board to level the playing field by allowing access for candidates to use the local TV studio.

Mr. Curtis McMullan addressed the Board and asked if the village had received information on the total number of applicants who attended the job fair, and the number of jobs available for residents of University Park. He also asked who negotiated the minimum number of jobs and why.

Village Treasurer James Ellis commented on a fundraiser that is being held on February 21st at Appleby Restaurant in Matteson from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. to raise funds to help support the Boy Scouts of America. He noted that Pilgrimage Troop 11 will assist in serving at the breakfast.

Gloria Barnett-Brookins addressed the Board and commented on the need for everyone to come together and work together to keep the work of President Obama in progress. She stated that there is a movement to keep the coalitions formed during the campaign going and working together, and she is working with the South Suburban Coalition and they are focused on government involvement. She invites elected officials and residents to consider becoming a part of University Park Coalition For Change, and noted that she is planning a meeting in the near future, and will notify those interested.

H. BOARD CAUCUS

Mayor Pro-tem Oscar Brown suspended the meeting from 9:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to allow the Board time to caucus. He reconvened the Board meeting and the following responses were given to concerns raised by residents under general comments:

Responding to some of the concerns of Mr. Griffin and Mr. Travis, Manager Sevier stated the vehicle in question is being sold to CarMax; he will check into why postage was paid by the village for the job fair mailings; and once the Lobbyist receives word that his payment is being withheld, he is sure we will get an appropriate report. Also, candidates will be allowed use of WUPC TV 4 for specific taping of profiles and candidate profiles would be allowed in the upcoming Newsletter. Deadline to submit profiles is February 20, 2009. Relating to why Mayor McCowan has not returned calls to Mr. Travis, he stated that the Mayor would have to address that issue. Responding to Mr. McMullen, he stated that he has not received information on the number of participants at the job fair and the number of University Park residents hired.

Attorney Miles responded to the concern of Mr. McMullen and explained that the number of 13 jobs was negotiated by him and the Manager with the company, which is customary. He explained the process of the TIF negotiations.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

J. TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee McGuire seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:50 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried By Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy R. Jones, CMC
Village Clerk