

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCowan called this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:12 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Alvin R. McCowan	Present
Trustees:	Sharon A. McGuire	Present
	Oscar H. Brown, Jr.	Present
	Vivian E. Covington	Absent (arrived @ 8:26)
	Jimmie D. Young	Present
	Joseph E. Roudez, III	Absent (arrived @ 8:17)
	Larry B. Brown	Present

Also present were Interim Village Manager/Finance Director David Sevier, Village Attorney Forest Miles, Village Treasurer James Ellis, Police Chief Melvin Easley, II, Information Technology Director Deryl Bolton, Public Works Director Jerry Townsend, Communications Director Sherry Williams, Economic & Community Development Director Kimberly Porter, Parks & Recreations Director Robert Graham, Golf Club Manger/PGA Golf Pro Paul Blockoms, and Village Deputy Clerk Kellye Kidd.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McCowan led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

D. READING OF MINUTES

Table the reading for the minutes dated February 24, 2009 until the next meeting when reviewed.

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

Motion to table carried.

E. NON-DISCUSSION AGENDA

E-1: Village Manager's Report

Interim Village Manager Sevier reported the proposed 2010 budget was submitted to the Finance Committee and a copy was forwarded to the Board. He gave a financial summary of the current and upcoming budgets.

Interim Village Manager Sevier also reported on the Monee Township Democratic Breakfast that occurred at the Golf Club Saturday, March 7th. He reported that the event was not a community event and the proper parties were not notified in advance, nor was it booked correctly (it should have been booked as an event; instead it was booked under an individual's name as a 30-person restaurant reservation). There were over 100 attendees. When the restaurant reached capacity, the arriving attendees were explained of the dilemma and then served when space became available. He commended the staff for a great job under excruciating circumstances. He asked that all complaints be forwarded to the parties involved to receive accurate information, not the Village.

Trustee Oscar Brown, Jr. inquired about how Cleo Taylor's funding can be expedited for the renovations in 12-14 Towncenter and the status of repairing the fascia at the Towncenter. Interim Village Manager Sevier replied that Mr. Taylor was explained the reimbursement process of when the billing cycles occur and when bills should be submitted. Public Works Director Jerry Townsend responded regarding the Towncenter repair. Director Townsend is receiving contractor bids for the repairs. Repairs are expected to begin this summer.

Trustee Oscar Brown, Jr. asked for the status on the sell of the Towncenter property. Interim Village Manager Sevier answered that currently, due to the present market, no one has shown any additional interest in the property.

Trustee Larry Brown asked about the repairs to the Village sign located at Monee Manhattan Rd. Interim Village Manager Sevier responded that the sign was damaged in a car accident. A check was received from the driver's insurance company and repairs will begin soon.

E-2: Mayor's Report

Mayor McCowan sent his condolences to the family of Specialist Simone Robinson, who resided in University Park. She lost her life due to a bombing in the Afghanistan War. He was not aware of the services, but thanked Trustees Covington & Roudez for attending. Mayor McCowan requested that the Clerk prepare a resolution recognizing Specialist Robinson.

The Mayor asked Atty. Miles to report on the issue regarding Sandra Oaks Apartments and the potential loss of water services due to none payment by some of the tenants. The Mayor clarified that this is *not* a Village issue; the association has their own attorney. Atty. Miles is communicating with the legal parties of both the water company, Aqua IL, and the association to help resolve the situation. He is waiting to receive a response from the Illinois Commerce Commission and a letter was sent to the attorney representing Aqua IL. His letter states the Village would not usually get involved with this situation, but the loss of water service would lead to the force eviction of the entire unit. It would then become a community health and welfare matter for the Village. Currently, status quo has been maintained. The Village wants to deter a shut-off.

Mayor McCowan reported Executive Assistant Kari Boykin, six-year employee, recently resigned from her position.

He announced the upcoming Town Hall Meeting. The meeting is to be held Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 90 Towncenter Dr., 10:00 am – noon. Speakers will be the Mayor, Village Manager, and Economic & Community Development Director. The solid financial conditions of the Village, the tax rate and the decreased crime rate will be discussed followed by a residential question/answer session. All residents should attend.

The Mayor reiterated the condition of the Village. The Village has decreased the municipal tax rate for the third consecutive year. This equated to an approximate deduction of 19%. In addition, the Village is very solid financially. The Village does not need to search and apply for loans to finance the Village, unlike other municipalities or towns. The crime rate has decreased by 25%. These are some of the issues that will be addressed at the Town Hall Meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend and receive factual information about the Village.

The Mayor also reported on his recent trip to Springfield, IL and Washington D.C. Two trustees and the Village Manager accompanied him on these trips. The efforts of these meetings are to work along with the Village consultant to receive funding for various projects. He asked Trustee Roudez to give his synopsis of the meeting in Washington D.C.

Trustee Roudez reported the on the importance of Village representation at the meetings he attended. He was able to meet and discuss the Village's needs with federal officials. Surrounding municipalities were also in attendance. Representative Debbie Halvorson is willing to partake in some of the Village projects. He was able to personally thank Representative Danny Davis for his role in the receipt of the new Village zip code.

The Mayor requested Trustee McGuire's report on the meetings she attended with him in Springfield and Washington D.C.

Trustee McGuire's mirrored Trustee Roudez's on the importance of representation in both the State and Federal level and the number of other communities that had attended. She thanked Interim Village Manager Sevier for the thorough report detailing the list of projects/needs for the Village. This report was given to each official they met. Some of the needs were: I-57 interchange, the widening of University Pkwy., Cicero Rd. lighting and landscaping projects, and the paperwork to renovate the Fire Station. They met with the newly-seated Senator Hutchinson (who replaced Representative Halvorson), Representative Lisa Dugan, a representative of the new IL Governor's office, representatives from IDOT, Senator Burris, Senator Durbin, and Representative Jackson, Jr.

Trustee McGuire also reported that the Village consultant meets with Federal officials three (3) times a week to ensure that the Village projects are remembered. She was honored to represent the Village of University Park. Officials are aware of the Village and needed projects to help the community grow. In addition, she thanked the Village for the opportunity.

Mayor McCowan summed up the meetings by indicating the impossibility of meeting with the number of officials they met with to discuss the concerns of University Park without the assistance of the Village consultant firm.

The Mayor gave an explanation for the need of a new water system for the Village. Currently, the Village is consuming over 50% capacity of available well water. This is based on approximately 8500 residents. Projections of Village growth by 2030 is 40,000 residents. If the Village does not take action, the Village will not be able to handle the growth. This does not include the potential of incoming businesses. Now is the time for action.

The Mayor also reported on the numerous comments received concerning the new airport while attending meetings in Washington D.C. The comments were positive and voluntary by many officials regarding the development of the new airport. Senator Hutchinson informed him that the unprecedented Will County Authority bill regarding the airport was shelved.

The airport will be the biggest supplier of jobs for the state of IL. The airport has the capability to grow from 15,000 to over 200,000 jobs, it can gross from \$340 million to billions of dollars. The Village is a huge benefactor in the airport. The airport will be the second largest land-massed airport in the U.S. with four to six runways and 300 gates (approximately 40,000 acres).

E-3: Committee & Commission Reports

Trustee Covington announced a Planning Commission meeting for next Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall. They are planning a Village clean up day.

Trustee Young announced the Park and Recreation Commission is seeking to recruit members. Any interested parties are to contact him or Parks and Recreation Director Robert Graham.

E-4: Reports Of Other Officers

Police Chief Easley reported the main objective for the police department is to keep the community safe. Therefore, two projects have been developed. He invited Sergeants Murphy and Stroud to report on the projects.

Sgt. Murphy discussed the traffic control project (click it or ticket and reckless driving deterrence) that will take place this summer. These are not revenue generating project; it is road safety projects – statistics show that a person dies every hour and medical bills are estimated at \$1.1 million due to road safety violations.

Sgt. Stroud discussed the liquor sale/handling enforcement and first responder training. All liquor vendors will be educated and monitored of their liquor sale/handling responsibility. They will also be aware of the different levels of enforcement for violators. The police department developed a rapid deployment program (first responders) for addition protection of the schools. The University Park Police Department is the first in the state of IL to develop this program. The first practice drill will take place this Tuesday in University Park. Over 13 different law enforcement departments will be participating.

Communications Director Sherry Williams reported on the implementation of the phone tree for the Village. This system allows direct communication to enrolled residents of pertinent information from the Village. To enroll, residents can call (708) 235-4825. She also reported enrollment for Young Broadcasters Program ages 10-13. Classes are held every Wednesday beginning April 1st. All interested parties can call (708) 534-3211. The local schools have been notified of this program.

Parks & Receptions Director Robert Graham reported an aerobic class will begin March 4th at Riegel Farm is open 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Garden plots are now available at Riegel Farm. Baseball Clinic will begin April 4th at Crete-Monee High Dome, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please call Parks & Recreation Department for more information on all events, (708) 534-6456.

Golf Club & Conference Center General Manager, Golf Pro Paul Blockoms announced the Beer & Wine Tasting Event at the Golf Club Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturday, April 11th there will be breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon and Sunday, April 12th these is an Easter Brunch. On the golf side, University Park golfers can receive discounts for memberships and lessons and free lessons are offered for junior golfers.

Economic & Community Development Director Kimberly Porter reported on a conference she attended March 6th. The information complemented the Mayor's report regarding the new airport. The shelved bill from Will County Authority was discussed along with the large land mass occupancy. The volume of businesses and jobs were also discussed. The conference was attended by other neighboring communities and other local dignitaries.

Atty. Miles reported that he accompanied a meeting with Public Works Director Jerry Townsend. Representatives from the Forest Reserve District, the Village engineers and local school district were in attendance regarding Will Center Rd. issues. They want to run the paving program adjacent with the BP Amoco pipeline easement to drain the road. The Forest Reserve District wants to ensure that the drainage of the road is not harmful to the wetlands. The engineers will revise the drafts to accommodate the Forest Reserve's wishes. Hopefully, the project will begin soon.

F. DISCUSSION AGENDA

F-1: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F-1a: ***Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A License And Service Agreement With CivicPlus For The Development Of A Governmental Website***

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Young seconded a motion that the Board approves second and third readings of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Covington, Young, Roudez, Larry Brown.
Nays: None.

Motion to approve carried ***Ordinance Number 2009-07.***

F-2: NEW BUSINESS

F-2a: ***First, Second, and Third Readings – Ordinance Amending Chapter 271 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of University Park Entitled Board Of Fire And Police Commissioners And Also Amending Ordinance Number 1220 Ratifying And Adopting The Rules And Regulations Of The Board Of Fire And Police Commissioners.***

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Oscar Brown seconded a motion to table ordinance for further understanding of point accumulation.

Trustee Larry Brown is concerned about the omission of the polygraph testing requirement.

The Mayor suggested all Trustee concerns should be forward to the commission liason. The ordinance will go back to the Fire and Police Commission to be re-evaluated.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Covington, Young, Roudez and
Larry Brown.
Nays: None.

Motion to table carried

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 Covington moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves first, second and third readings of this ordinance.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Covington, Young, Roudez and
Larry Brown.
Nays: None.

Motion to approve carried Ordinance Number 2009-08.

F-2c: Resolution Designating The Month Of March As “Women’s History Month”.

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves of this resolution.

Resolution was read by Trustee Covington.

Ayes: Trustees McGuire, Oscar Brown, Covington, Young, Roudez and
Larry Brown.
Nays: None.

Motion to approve carried Resolution Number 2009-09.

F-2d: Resolution Ratifying A Collective Bargaining Agreement By, And Between, The Village Of University Park And The Illinois Fraternal Order Of Police Labor Council.

Trustee Young moved, Trustee Larry Brown seconded a motion that the Board approves of this resolution.

Trustee Covington wanted to table this resolution before the move to approve. She is requesting another workshop.

Interim Village Manager replied the Labor Attorney had a workshop with the Board. The changes from the workshop were supplied to the Board over two months ago and he did not receive any questions.

Police Chief Easley stated the department is currently working without a contract.

Trustee Covington rescinded her motion to table.

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

Nays: None.

Motion to approve carried

Resolution Number 2009-10.

F-2e: Discussion – Statement Of Essential Terms – Towncenter Space Nos. 70 and/or 80.

Atty. Miles wants the Board to discuss the potential of a new tenant occupying this space. The Board previously approved the space for residents who were interested in opening a laundromat facility. Presently, Atty. Miles has not heard from that interested party. He would like to put another publication in the newspaper.

Trustee Covington asked if the potential Laundromat owners were seeking funding before pursuing any further.

Atty. Miles replied they request TIF funding, but he funds were not readily available and this is the last year of the TIF. The new tenants are not requesting any funding from the Village. The new tenants want to open a jewelry and clothing store.

Trustee Oscar Brown is concerned about the approval of a previous business offering the same products and competition within the Towncenter.

Trustee McGuire would like Atty. Miles to send a letter to the previous party asking their intentions for the space.

Interim Village Manager Sevier stated he will forward the letter of intent and report the response to the Board.

Trustee Larry Brown is concerned about the cost of conjoining the two spaces.

Manager Sevier responded the opening of the spaces already exists. Cost would incur if only one space is needed instead of the two.

F-2f: Bills Payable

Trustee Covington moved, Trustee Roudez seconded a motion that the Board approves the listing of the General Operating Expenses that the Village of University Park has incurred for the last two (2) weeks from February 25, 2009 to March 10, 2009 in the following funds:

General Operation Fund	\$ 142,542.69
Road & Bridge	\$ 14,404.57
Town Center	\$ 469.21
University Golf Club	\$ 35,607.24
Capital Project Fund	\$ 720.17
TIF I Town Center Area Fund	\$ 417.44
TIF II Industrial Park Fund	\$ 175.50
TIF III Cicero Industrial Fund	\$ 54.00
TIF IV Governors East Fund	\$ 1,905.00
TIF V Dralle Industrial Fund	<u>\$ 982,090.92</u>
	\$1,178,386.74

Roll Call On Bills Payable

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

Nays: None.

Motion to approve carried.

G. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

H. BOARD CAUCUS

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

J. TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

L. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Roudez moved, Trustee Young seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:13 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Carried By Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dorothy R. Jones, CMC
Village Clerk**